

Waterford & Wexford Education & Training Board (WWETB)



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*Waterford and Wexford
Education and Training Board*

Annual Report 2016

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Message from the Chairperson of Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board

I am delighted to present the 2016 Annual Report for Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board.

The Annual Report sets out the broad range of activities and achievements in our Schools, Further Education and Training Centres and Youth Services. I hope it demonstrates the very high standards of education and training that we achieve and aim to continually improve across Waterford and Wexford. As a Board, we work very diligently to provide a high level of support and corporate governance to the executive in implementing the functions and goals of the organisation. I wish to sincerely thank my Deputy Chairperson Cllr Michael J O’Ryan, all the Board members, members of the Audit, Finance, Area Committees, Youth Committees and Boards of Management. The members are committed to the organisations ambitious and progressive role in delivering supports to the highest standards across the community we serve.

I wish to thank the executive and all our staff for their on-going dedication and commitment to the highest standards of education and training for our 20,000 plus students and learners. Likewise, I thank the parents and guardians of our second level students for the faith and trust they have put in us to educate their sons and daughters across our twelve post-primary colleges.

I hope that this Annual Report gives an insight into the diverse range of activities of our organisation and also provides the assurance and confidence to engage with our services.

Le gach dea ghui,
Cllr Jim Moore,
Cathaoirleach.

Foreword by the Chief Executive Officer of Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board

This Annual Report sets out the diverse and important range of services provided during 2016 by WWETB for the communities in Waterford and Wexford and indeed surrounding counties. We provided education and training for more than 20,000 students/learners in a multiplicity of venues right across both counties. A staff of 1,500 across a very broad spectrum of professions and expertise supported almost 700 different courses, worked with over 300 businesses and liaised with all the local authorities, agencies and community groups requiring education and training support. Our prime financial support is provided by both the Department of Education and Skills and SOLAS and we thank you for your continued trust in WWETB as the largest provider of educational and training services in the Waterford and Wexford areas.

Our 12 post-primary colleges provided high class, modern educational opportunities to our young people (4,385) across a broad range of subjects to Leaving Certificate level (see page 12). Schools and staff also worked hard during the year to upskill in preparation for Junior Cycle reform as well as providing a large variety of extra-curricular activities for students. Principals and staff continued to be upskilled through WWETB and national training to ensure that we provided the best possible education opportunities including the best possible use of Information and Communication Technology. In addition most of our colleges and one stand-alone college, Waterford College of Further Education, provided many opportunities for Post leaving Cert Courses (PLC's), once again demonstrating the ability of WWETB to respond and innovate in a meaningful way to the needs of school leavers and adult learners (1,672).

Our Further Education and Training (FET) Service was further integrated within the organisation during 2016. One particular highlight was the establishment of a centralised Quality Assurance Unit based in Waterford Training Centre but working right across WWETB to ensure and assure the highest quality course provision and accreditation, meeting all the highest national and international requirements. We are leading lights nationally in providing opportunities right across the broad range of FET as set out in detail in this Annual Report. Similarly, we are developing our Youth Services to ensure that our young people have, at a minimum, the same level of access to all the supports necessary as anywhere else across the country.

During 2016, the process of integrating our executive services of Corporate Services, Finance and Human Resources was progressed across our three offices in Ardcahan near Wexford Town (Head Office) and both Waterford City (including the executive services provided through Waterford Training Centre) and Dungarvan. This process is on-going and in tandem with the 'national organisational design' process and working with ETBI and the Department of Education and Skills should ensure a top quality, fit for purpose and efficient executive support for all our schools, centres and services into the future.

The dedication and expert work of the Board members and its various committees including Boards of Management has supported the executive throughout the year and is greatly appreciated. The establishment of Area Committees was particularly important allowing ETB members and the executive to focus on local issues and developments and ensuring that where relevant they are brought to the attention of the Board and Senior Management team and not lost in the myriad of issues that confront a very large organisation. In particular, I want to thank the Chair of the Board of WWETB, Councillor Jim Moore, for his work and support throughout 2016.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Senior Management Team, principals, managers and our staff for their continued dedication and professional contribution towards the development of the highest standards of education, training, youth work, communication and corporate services for all our students and learners, for whom WWETB solely exists. Thanks to those of you who have chosen us as your educators of choice and I hope we lived up to, and at times exceeded, your expectations. The quality of our services would be severely diminished without the large range of parents/guardians, agencies, local authorities, statutory bodies, government Departments, community groups and many others who work so well with us and support our work in many ways; we hope that not alone will this continue but our relationships will thrive and grow over the years.

Kevin Lewis
Chief Executive

Members of Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board

On 1 July 2013, the Committees of City of Waterford VEC, County Waterford VEC and County Wexford VEC amalgamated to form the Board of Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board. Subsequently, on 1st January 2014, the then Minister for Education and Skills, Ruairí Quinn T.D., formally announced the transfer of seven SOLAS Training Centres to the recently established Education and Training Boards. In accordance with this, on 1st July 2014, WWETB officially welcomed the addition of Waterford and Wexford Training Centres (formerly the SOLAS Training Centres), to their range of services.

Waterford and Wexford ETB has 21 members and has a formal schedule of reserved functions. The reserved functions are set out in Section 12 of the Education and training Boards Act 2013 and include policy, planning and monitoring and the adoption of the annual accounts/reports. The ETB is supported by an “Executive” which is responsible for implementation of plans, day to day management and functions not reserved for the Board.

ETB members and designated staff are required to provide annual Disclosure of Interests in respect of issues that could materially influence performance of functions. In addition the ETB has adopted a Code of Ethics and this has been provided to all members and staff.

WWETB met every two months, with a register of attendance being maintained. Members received agenda and papers in advance of meetings. Minutes are maintained and adopted in support of ETB meetings. The Board members of Waterford and Wexford ETB were:

Cllr. Malcolm Byrne, Cllr. Ger Carthy, Cllr. Kathleen Codd-Nolan, Mr. Geoffrey Collins, Cllr. Tom Cronin, Mr. David Doyle, Mr. John Evoy, Cllr. Mary Farrell, Mr. Mark Fitzgerald, Cllr. Jim Moore, Cllr. Barbara Anne Murphy, Ms. Nessa Murphy, Cllr. Pat Nugent, Ms. Catherine O’Donnell, Cllr. Michael J O’Ryan, Cllr. Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin, Cllr. Lola O’Sullivan, Cllr. Mary Roche, Ms. Mary Ryan, Ms. Áine Uí Fhoghlú, Mr. John Wall.

Members Attendance at ETB Meetings 2016

Name	12/01/2016	04/02/2016	08/03/2016	17/05/2016	19/07/2016	13/09/2016	01/11/2016
Byrne, Malcolm	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	✓
Carthy, Ger	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Codd-Nolan, Kathleen	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
Collins, Geoffrey	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓
Cronin, Tom	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Doyle, David	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓
Evoy, John	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-	✓
Farrell, Mary	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	✓
Fitzgerald, Mark	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
Moore, Jim	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Murphy, Barbara Anne	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Murphy, Nessa	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nugent, Pat	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
O'Donnell, Catherine*	-	-	-	✓			
O'Ryan, Michael J	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ó Súilleabháin, Fionntán	✓	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓
O'Sullivan, Lola	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓	-
Roche, Mary	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓
Ryan, Mary	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	-
Uí Fhoghlú, Áine	-	✓	-	-	✓	✓	-
Wall, John	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓

*Member up to May 2016 Meeting

Committees of WWETB:

WWETB established a number of committees including Finance and Audit committees. Both of these committees are composed of Board members, and a number of external members. The Board nominates the Chairperson of these Committees and detailed terms of reference are provided in the Department of Education CL 18/2015 Code of Practice for the Governance of Education and Training Boards.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee, which was established in accordance with Section 45 (1) (b) of the Education and Training Boards Act 2013, is comprised of 6 members. It is responsible for monitoring the Executive in the carrying out of its functions and provides assurances to the Board as to the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control processes. Reports by the Chair of the Committee are presented to WWETB for consideration. It met 4 times during the year.

Waterford and Wexford ETB Audit Committee:

Mr. Eddie Breen, Chairperson, Cllr. Ger Carthy, Cllr. Kathleen Codd-Nolan, Mr. John Cuddihy, Cllr. Michael J. O'Brien, Ms. Elaine Sheridan.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee, also established in accordance with Section 45 (1) (a) of the Education and Training Boards Act 2013, is comprised of 5 members. It has responsibility for reviewing the income/expenditure of the ETBs. Reports by the Chair of the Committee are presented to WWETB for consideration. The Finance Committee met 4 times during the year.

Waterford and Wexford ETB Finance Committee:

Mr. Michael Veale, Chairperson, Mr. David Doyle, Mr. Pdraig Hall, Ms. Anne Murray, Cllr. Pat Nugent.

Youth Work Committee

In 2015 WWETB established the Youth Work Committee to advise on its functions in relation to Youth Work, in accordance with Section 10 (1) (j) of the ETB Act 2013.

Waterford and Wexford Youth Work Committee:

Peter Culleton, David Doyle, Cris Fogarty, Mary Halligan, Claire McNamara, Gavin Mooney, Ríain O'Donoghue, Alison Parle, Cllr. Mary Roche, Gail Sullivan.

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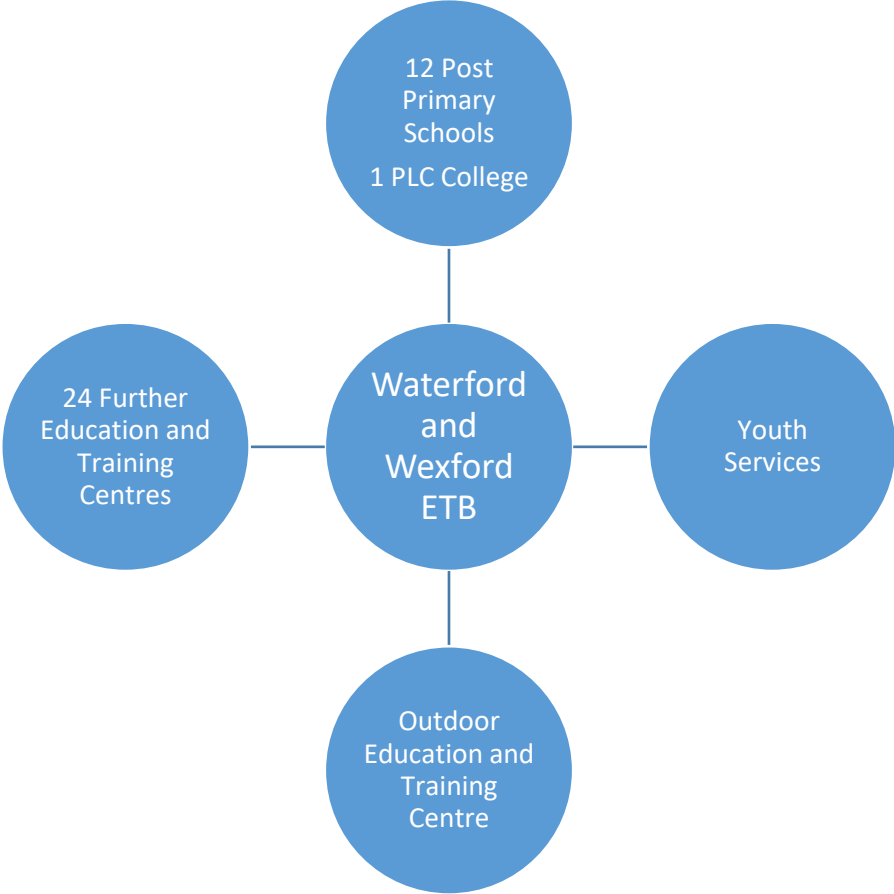
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Waterford and Wexford ETB Senior Management Team

Kevin Lewis, Chief Executive (from February 2016)
Eilís Leddy, Acting Chief Executive (January 2016)
Eilís Leddy, Director of Schools (from February 2016)
Karina Daly, Director of Organisation Support and Development (from December 2016)
Ken Whyte, Director of Further Education and Training (from November 2016)
Michael O'Brien, Acting Education Officer (January 2016)
Michael O'Brien, Further Education and Training Manager (from February 2016)
Michael O'Brien, Innovation and Development Manager (from November 2016)
Anne-Marie Jones, Human Resources Manager
Jim Maher, Finance Manager
Fintan O'Reilly, Corporate Services Manager

Overview of Services



Location of Centres within Waterford and Wexford ETB



Non-Designated Community Colleges

Bridgetown College
 Bunclody Vocational College
 Coláiste Abbáin
 Coláiste an Átha
 Coláiste Chathail Naofa
 Creagh College
 Enniscorthy Vocational College
 Kennedy College
 Selskar College
 St Declans Community College

Designated Community Colleges

Meánscoil San Níoclás
 St Pauls Community College

Youthreach Centres

Dungarvan
 Enniscorthy
 Gorey
 Tramore
 Waterford
 Wexford
 Subla Centre Waterford

Education & Training Centres

Bunclody
 Cappoquin
 Dungarvan
 Enniscorthy
 Gorey
 Kilmacthomas
 Lismore
 New Ross
 Ozanam Street
 Railway Square
 Tramore
 Waterford
 Wexford

Community Schools where WWETB are joint patrons

Blackwater Community School
 Gorey Community School
 Ramsgrange Community School

PLC College

Waterford College of Further Education

Shielbaggan Outdoor Education & Training Centre

Financial Summary

WWETB has a Finance Committee established in accordance with Section 45 (1) (a) of the Education and Training Boards Act 2013. Draft Annual Financial statements have been prepared and forwarded to the Comptroller and Auditor General in preparation for the annual external audit.

The receipts and payments details show figures of circa €98million for both for the year ended 31st December 2016.

Funding Sources:

- Department of Education and Skills funds the post primary element of WWETB including capital (building) projects
- SOLAS funds Further Education and Training.

Between these two bodies they fund approximately 95% of our activity.

Other sources of funding are:

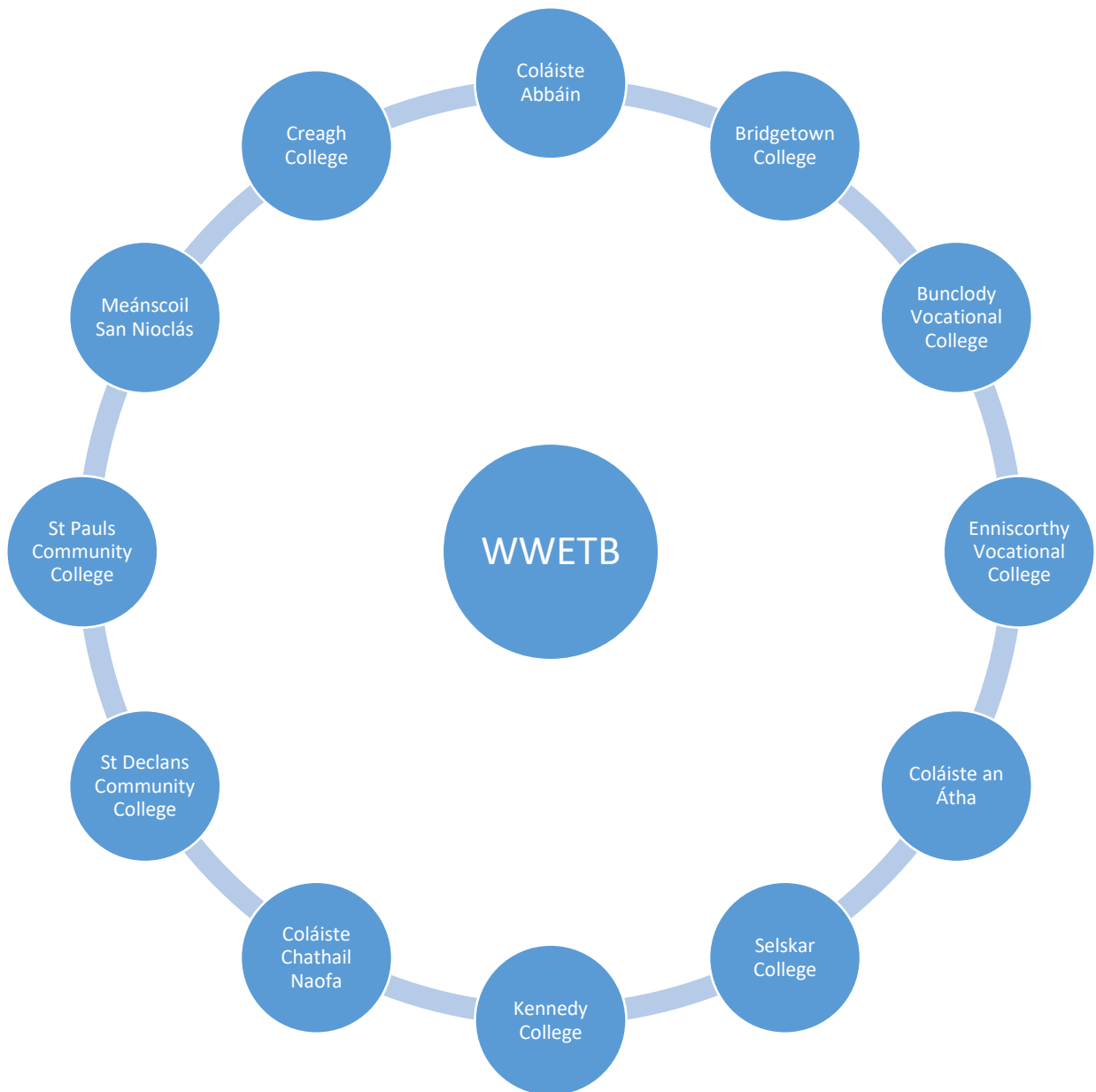
- Department of Children and Youth Affairs (youth services)
- Agencies (mainly other public bodies)
- Self-Financing (mainly funds collected by schools and centres)

Minor sources of funding are:

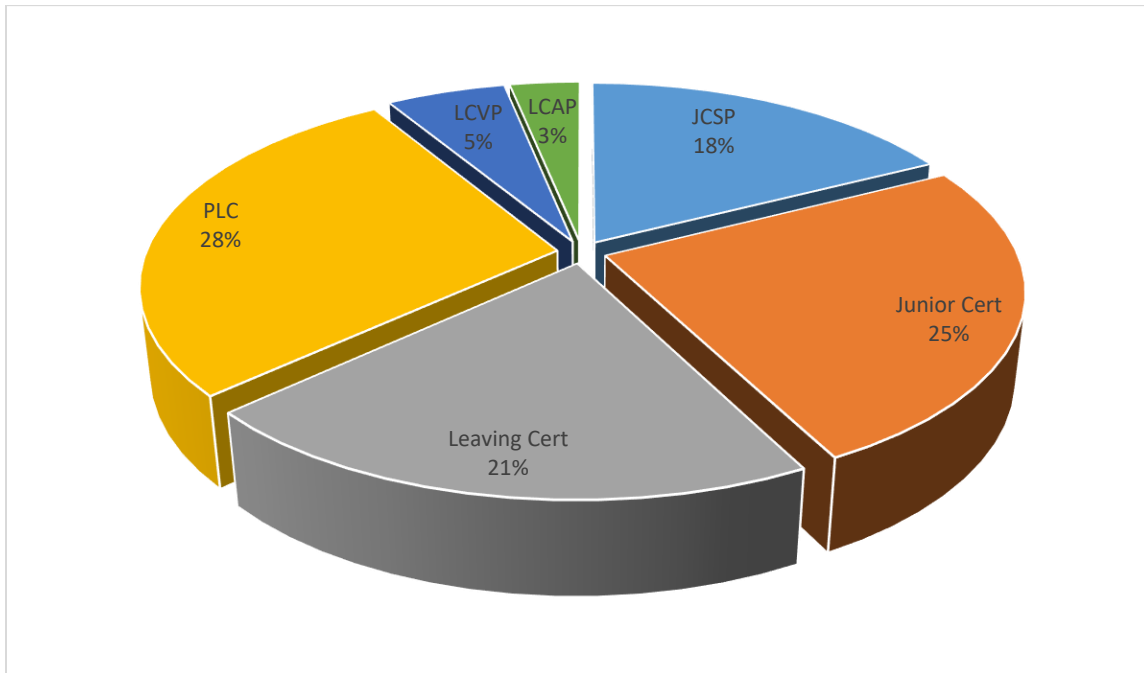
- Tuition Fees
- Bank Interest
- Rent of rooms

Second Level Education

There are twelve WWETB second level schools across the Counties of Waterford and Wexford. They offer a comprehensive range of day school courses to Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate, including Leaving Certificate Applied and Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme. The colleges are non-denominational, co-educational and offer a learner centred environment.



Enrolments at 30 September 2016



College	JCSP	Junior	Leaving	LCVP	LCAP	PLC	Total
Coláiste Abbain	105	-	46	7	0	28	186
Bridgetown College	72	273	94	94	16	23	572
Bunclody Vocational College	126	-	19	47	0	43	235
Enniscorthy VC	99	210	114	44	47	244	758
Coláiste an Átha	128	52	56	31	15	45	327
Kennedy College	84	-	50	0	14	97	245
Selskar College	104	150	67	42	26	126	515
Coláiste Chathail Naofa	95	-	23	29	12	238	397
St Declans CC	57	295	297	0	19	0	668
WCFE	0	-	-	0	0	772	772
St Pauls CC	104	131	152	34	27	56	504
Meánscoil San Nioclás	70	-	76	0	0	0	146
Creagh College	0	370	246	0	16	0	632
TOTAL	1,044	1,481	1,240	328	192	1,672	5,957

Bridgetown College

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Deputy Principal: Mr Adrian Power



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Teacher Allocation for 2015/2016: Full Time Day Courses 51.34 WTE Teachers
10.00 SNA

Teacher Allocation for 2016/2017: Full Time Day Courses 50.40 WTE Teachers
10.00 SNA

Mission Statement

Bridgetown College aims to provide a holistic educational experience meeting the diverse needs of the community in a positive learning environment.

We encourage all students to realise their full potential and develop a sense of self-worth by promoting mutual respect, co-operation and tolerance.

Introduction:

Bridgetown College is situated in the village of Bridgetown, in the heart of South, Co Wexford. The college has 40 classrooms including specialist rooms for Art, Home Economics, Metalwork, Craftwork, Computer Aided Design and Woodwork. Students have access to three laboratories, three computer rooms, a library, a large gymnasium and a canteen. The college also has an Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) unit. The college is multi-denominational, co-educational and non-selective in its intake, supported by the Board of Management and the Parents' Association. The college ethos promotes respect, seeks to promote the development of the potential of each individual and aims to generate moral and social responsibility.

Subjects Offered:

Subjects offered include: Irish, English, Maths, History, Geography, Science, Religious Education, CSPE, Social Health and Physical Education, French, Art, Craft & Design, Technical Graphics, Materials Technology (Wood), Metalwork, Home Economics, Business Studies, Theatre & Stage and Music.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Students enjoy a wide range of extra-curricular activities thanks to staff who give generously of their time and talents. Extra-curricular activities provided include athletics, basketball, camogie, equestrian events, football, hurling, handball, outdoor education, rugby and soccer. Students produce a newspaper entitled “The Bridge” and are encouraged to participate in competitions in the areas of art, public speaking, enterprise and essay writing. Each year a variety of musical productions are staged and many students participate in the choir and orchestra.

Highlights of 2016 include:

- Policies Developed/Reviewed and ratified by the Board of Management
 - New DEIS Plan
 - Development of Education Policy
 - Child Protection Policy (Reviewed and ratified)
 - School Rules reviewed and amendments adopted.
 - Homework Plan was developed.
 - Staff CPD
 - Junior Cycle Reform
 - Office 365
 - One Note
 - Check and Connect (NBSS)
 - Four teachers participated in the Facilitators of Teaching and Learning programme
 - One teacher participated in CPD relating to energy saving measures.
 - Planning for JC Reform: CPD and consultation with stakeholders.
 - The DES approved the e-Business PLC programme which replaced the Business course.
 - Transition Year Developments
 - Students participated in the Young Social Innovators Project (YSI).
 - Assessment and profiling methods were developed.
 - The College received a very positive report following a Business Inspection
 - Bridgetown College was awarded the *Global Citizens’ Passport* in recognition of the development of education projects, the latest of which was a local food market.
 - The first ever school-based ICA Guild was set up in Bridgetown College.
 - Arts
 - Launch of LC1 Book of Short Stories and Poetry
 - A second year student, won *The Con Houlihan Young Sports’ Journalist Award* in the Listowel Writers’ Week (12-20 age category)
 - Two students had work published in this years Kilmore Journal
 - Six students participated in “Write by the Sea”, Kilmore Quay Workshops
 - Commemorating 1916
 - Students completed projects, staged re-enactments of key events and drew up a “New Generation Proclamation”.
 - Five students attended the School Flag Ceremony in Croke Park.
 - Students, staff, parents, members of the Bridgetown Active Retirement Club and members of the ICA, attended Our Proclamation Day Ceremony.
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- Participation in sport and recreation activities was promoted through an exciting and fun *Active Schools Week*.
- DCU Scholarship - Aaron Lawlor was presented with an academic scholarship by DCU for obtaining over 550 points in his Leaving Certificate. According to the Irish Times, 73% of our 2016 L.C. cohort went on to Third Level Colleges.
- The LC1 Tour to Barcelona was a very positive experience for students and staff.
- The uniform jacket, introduced in September, proved popular with students and parents.
- Use of the Way2Pay on-line payment system for parents was extended.
- The new WWETB procedures for managing work experience were implemented.
- Funding was received under the Emergency Works Grants to replace pipework in the School.

Bunclody Vocational College

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Teacher Allocation for 2015/2016: Full Time Day Courses 21.79 WTE Teachers
3.00 SNA

Teacher Allocation for 2016/2017: Full Time Day Courses 25.07 WTE Teachers
3.00 SNA

Mission Statement

We endeavor to provide a quality education to all our students in a caring, disciplined and respectful environment. We aim to prepare students for life and responsible citizenship and motivate them towards the achievement of their full potential.

Introduction:

Bunclody College is a co-educational school delivering educational excellence to the people of Bunclody and its surrounding areas for the past sixty years. The school is committed to high quality education and our mission is based on meeting the needs of all students in our care. An extensive programme of Junior and Leaving Certificate subjects are offered as well as a broad adult education programme.

The low pupil-teacher ratio is one of the many advantages to be gained from attending the school. This allows for small focused classes and all students are encouraged to take as many higher level subjects as possible.

Subjects Offered:

Subjects offered at Junior Cycle include: Art, English, Maths, Economic and Social Studies, Gaeilge, Geography, Materials Technology (Wood), History, Science, CSPE, Business Studies, Materials Technology (Metal), French, Home Economics, Religion, SPHE, Technical Graphics, Technology and PE.

Subjects offered at Senior Cycle include: English, Gaeilge, Maths, Accounting/Business, Biology, Construction Studies, Home Economics, Engineering, French, History, Engineering, Art, Careers, DCG, LCVP, Geography, Religion and PE.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Students are encouraged to participate in activities outside of the classroom, which include sports, drama, charity work, projects and competitions.

Throughout the year students take part in charity walks, bag packing, non-uniform days and selling badges etc. to raise funds for local charities and also for the Lourdes trip. These charities include the Lions Club, the St Vincent de Paul and the Irish Wheelchair Association.

All students are encouraged to participate in sports and a number of students make the weekly trip to Butterfly Farm to learn how to horse ride. Many students are part of football, basketball, soccer and hurling teams.

In conjunction with the English curriculum, drama workshops are held regularly and students attend plays and performance outside the school.

Highlights of 2016 include:

- Moving into new extension.
- The schools heating system was upgraded.
- Funding was received under the Emergency Works Grants for replacement of the prefab doors.
- Preparations for new PLC Campus got underway.
- Bunclody College was selected as one of 25 schools to participate in the ATS 2020 initiative. This project focused on embedding the key skills of the new Junior Certificate using digital media.
- Strand 3 of schools self-evaluation was developed.
- All teaching staff engaged in Office 365 training.
- Two significant projects aimed at promoting mental and physical wellbeing were launched during this year. The Active Schools Week was a great success and was supported by one of Ireland's fittest family contestants. Three students also came second in the Expressions Project that aims to promote positive mental health among young people.
- Bunclody College promoted multiculturalism within the school by welcoming a number of visitors from Spain and the Czech Republic.
- Students hosted a very enjoyable short play on Proclamation Day to commemorate the anniversary of the 1916 Rising.
- A group of students had a very enjoyable trip to the Gaeltacht.
- Beneficiaries of fundraising within the school this year included Pieta House.

Coláiste Abbáin

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Deputy Principal: Mr John Nolan



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Teacher Allocation for 2015/2016: Full Time Day Courses 15.36 WTE Teachers
2.00 SNA

Teacher Allocation for 2016/2017: Full Time Day Courses 18.90 WTE Teachers
3.00 SNA

Mission Statement

We endeavor to provide a quality education to all our students in a caring, disciplined and respectful environment. We aim to prepare students for life and responsible citizenship and motivate them towards the achievement of their full potential.

Introduction:

Coláiste Abbain is situated in the village of Adamstown in the heart of County Wexford. It was officially opened in May 1937 and has been serving its community and hinterland for 80 years. The college is non-denominational and co-educational and provides Second and Third Level courses. Coláiste Abbain boasts of excellent academic achievements and its past students have gone on to further education in every Third Level establishment in Ireland.

Subjects Offered:

All students study a set of core subjects that include: Irish, English, Maths, History, Geography, Science, Civic Social and Political Education, Social, Personal and Health Education, PE and Computers. Students have a choice from the following additional subjects: Metalwork, Woodwork, Business Studies, Home Economics, French, Music, Art, German and Technical Graphics.

The Leaving Certificate students are divided on the basis of subject choice. All students study a set of core subjects that include: Irish, English, Maths, Career Guidance and PE. They also choose additional subjects from: Engineering, Construction Studies, Home Economics, Business, Geography, Biology, French, Art, Music and Design and Communication Graphics.

LCVP is also offered in the school, where students sit six regular Leaving Certificate subjects and two link modules which are: Preparation for the World of Work and Enterprise.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Extra-curricular activities form a vital part of school life and include debating and public speaking, hurling, Gaelic football, soccer, basketball, badminton, young entrepreneur, craft fair and fitness classes.

Highlights of 2016 include:

- The new state of the art school extension opened in May 2016.
- The official opening to take place on 26 May 2017.
- Transition Year is now an integral part of the school curriculum.
- Coláiste Abbain views itself as an integral part of the wide community.



Completed extension at Coláiste Abbain

Coláiste an Átha

Principal: Ms Elizabeth Martin

Deputy Principal: Mr Raymond Furlong 2015/2016

Deputy Principal: Diarmuid O’Hanlon 2016/2017



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Teacher Allocation for 2015/2016: Full Time Day Courses 27.03 WTE Teachers
2.00 SNA

Teacher Allocation for 2016/2017: Full Time Day Courses 29.35 WTE Teachers
3.00 SNA

Mission Statement

Coláiste an Átha is dedicated to providing a quality education in a caring and supportive environment where the holistic development of each individual student is nurtured.

Introduction:

Coláiste an Átha is a co-educational inter-denominational, Post-Primary College providing Junior, Leaving and Post Leaving Certificate Programmes. Very dedicated staff, working together as a team deliver an education that prepares students for life. Coláiste an Átha, formerly Kilmuckridge Vocational College, has been in existence since the late 1930's opening its doors as a typical two roomed rural Vocational School offering in addition Home Economics and Rural Science.

Subjects Offered:

At Junior Level, the following subjects are offered: Gaeilge, English, Maths, Geography, History, French, German, Spanish, Science, Art, Materials Technology, Woodwork and Metalwork, Construction Studies & Engineering, Technical Graphics and D.C.G, Home Economics, Music and PE. The Junior Certificate School Programme is also on offer in the school.

At Senior Level, the following subjects are offered: Gaeilge, English, Maths, Geography, History, French, German, Spanish, Science, Art, Business, Accounting, LCVP, Materials Technology Woodwork, Construction Studies and Engineering, Technical Graphics and DCG, Home Economics, Music, PE and Business. LCVP is also on offer in the school, as is the Leaving Certificate Applied.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Coláiste an Átha provide a wide range of extra-curricular activities including hurling, camogie, soccer, basketball, rugby, and athletics.

Highlights of 2016 include:

- New Extension consisting of a second science room, a music room and a Deputy Principal's office.
- Introduction of Transition Year for the first time in the history of the school.
- The School won the Co Vocational Athletics competition for the first time in the history of the competition.



Extension at Coláiste an Átha

Coláiste Chathail Naofa

Principal: Mr Danny Cunningham

Deputy Principal: Mr Jason Ryan



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Teacher Allocation for 2016/2017: Full Time Day Courses 30.09 WTE Teachers
3.25 SNA

Teacher Allocation for 2016/2017: Full Time Day Courses 32.95 WTE Teachers
3.75 SNA

Mission Statement

Coláiste Chathail Naofa aims to be a centre of excellence in education where all students are encouraged to achieve their full potential in all aspects of their educational and personal development in an environment of care and mutual respect.

Introduction

Located near Dungarvan town centre, Coláiste Chathail Naofa provides education to Leaving Certificate standard while offering a wide range of Post-Leaving Certificate courses and evening classes.

Courses offered: Junior Certificate Schools Programme, Transition Year, Leaving Certificate Applied and Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme.

Highlights of 2016 include:



1916 Celebrations in Coláiste Chathail Naofa

The 1916 celebration was held during a special assembly with many students taking part in this celebration.

Pictured: Kieran Ahearne and Andrew Murphy raising the flag.

Coláiste Chathail Naofa Cadette Volleyball:

The team won their first All-Ireland in University College Dublin.



The Winning Team

- Back Row:
- Raph Britton
- Domantas Jokubauskis
- Adam Power
- Dylan Swales
- Matteo Divetta
- Davin Flynn
- Kieran Lannen
- Front Row:
- Soren Konig
- Evan McKenna
- Dermot Lannen
- Ray Brennan
- Aurimas Pocius

Emergency Works Grants: Funding was received to complete boiler works.

Presentation to Dylan Murphy: The whole school community met to recognise the outstanding bravery that Dylan Murphy showed for his rescue of a person from the Colligan River during Storm Desmond. Dylan became a TV and radio guest in the weeks following the rescue.



Pictured:
Mr. Austin Flynn, Chairman of the Board of Management making a presentation to Dylan Murphy on behalf of the college.
Also pictured is Mr. Nicky Sheehan Board of Management member.

Creagh College

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Teacher Allocation for 2015/2016: Full Time Day Courses 34.82 WTE Teachers
2.50 SNA

Teacher Allocation for 2016/2017: Full Time Day Courses 44.55 WTE Teachers
4.00 SNA

Mission Statement:

Creagh College believes in the provision of a positive learning experience that nurtures mutual respect and personal responsibility within a safe, fair and caring environment. We are committed to the pursuit of excellence in all of our activities.

Introduction:

Creagh College is a co-educational, multi-denominational post-primary college which is committed to the pursuit of excellence in all activities and to the provision of a teaching and learning environment that caters for the diverse needs of young people in the Gorey area in a safe and respectful environment. Creagh College promotes the development of the whole person and aims to nurture responsible citizenship. Student development is based on principles of respect for self, for others and the environment.

Subjects Offered:

For first year all students study the following compulsory subjects: English, Irish, Mathematics, French or Spanish, Science, SPHE, CSPE and PE. In addition, each student chooses five subjects to study from the following: Art, Craft & Design, Business Studies, Classical Studies, Geography, History, Home Economics, Music, Materials Technology (Wood), Materials Technology (Metal), Religious Education, Technology and Technical Graphics.

At Senior Cycle the college offers: English, Irish, Maths, History, Geography, Accounting, Business Studies, Economics, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Agricultural Science, Engineering, Construction Studies, French, Art, Home Economics, Music, DCG, PE, SPHE, Career Guidance, Classics and Spanish

Extra-curricular Activities

Extra-curricular activities at the college include, debating, chess club, traditional music club, quiz club, green schools committee, student council and art club. Sport is also encouraged in the school, primarily for physical activity, which is recognized as a component of good health. The sporting extra-curricular activities include, rugby, soccer, Gaelic football and camogie.

Highlights of 2016 include:

- First cohort of students begin final preparations for Leaving Certificate exams.
- Introduction of LCAP.
- Continued roll-out of new subject specifications under Junior Cycle reform process.

Enniscorthy Vocational College

Principal: Mr Seamus Murphy 2015/2016

Principal: Dr Iain Wickham 2016/2017

Deputy Principal: Dr Iain Wickham 2015/2016

Deputy Principal: Mr Joe Flynn September to November 2016

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Teacher Allocation for 2016/2017: Full Time Day Courses

64.30 WTE Teachers

11.00 SNA

Teacher Allocation for 2016/2017: Full Time Day Courses

63.96 WTE Teachers

13.50 SNA

Mission Statement

Enniscorthy Vocational College endeavours to provide a secure and supportive educational environment where all students can experience a quality of education appropriate to their intellectual, physical, personal, social, moral and spiritual needs in a changing world.

Introduction:

Enniscorthy Vocational College is a co-educational school under the authority of Waterford and Wexford ETB. The school caters for Second Level students and Further Education students. The facilities coupled with a vibrant and dedicated staff will ensure the delivery of a top quality education and learning into the future. Teachers are encouraged to adopt a flexible student-centred approach in the delivery of the curriculum. This ensures inclusiveness and the needs of all students are catered for. There is an excellent pastoral care system in the school to assist students during their time.

Subjects Offered:

At Junior Level, the following subjects are offered: Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, German, Science, Business, Music, Art, Home Economics, Metalwork, Materials Technology (Wood), Technical Graphics, I.T., Religion, P.E and Career Guidance. The Junior Certificate Schools Programme is also offered in the school.

At Senior Level, the following subjects are offered: Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, German, Physics, Biology, Agricultural Science, Business, Music, Art, Home Economics, Construction Studies, Design & Communication Graphics, Metalwork, I.T., Religion, P.E. and Career Guidance.

The Leaving Certificate Applied and Leaving Certificate Vocational Programmes are also offered in the College.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Extra-curricular activities include: hurling, football, soccer, badminton, basketball, debating, music, variety show, school tours, enterprise club, creative writing and the Gaisce awards.

Highlights for 2016:

- Opening of the ASD Facility and the Parents Room.
- Transition Year Show “The Outsiders”.
- Roof works were carried out under the Emergency Works Grants.

Kennedy College

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Teacher Allocation for 2015/2016: Full Time Day Courses 21.81 WTE Teachers
3.00 SNA

Teacher Allocation for 2016/2017: Full Time Day Courses 22.94 WTE Teachers
3.00 SNA

Mission Statement

Kennedy College seeks to offer an inclusive holistic education, where respect and responsibility are fostered. We encourage all students to develop a sense of worth, so they can reach their full potential in order to meet the diverse needs of society.

Introduction:

Kennedy College has a long and distinguished tradition of providing high quality education at both Second Level and Post Leaving Certificate. The college is committed to providing an inclusive, supportive and caring environment for all students. A broad, comprehensive programme is provided to cater for the needs of all students.

The college staff is committed to working closely in partnership with students, parents and the local community to support all students to reach their potential. The college is committed to the promotion of mutual respect in a safe, friendly, well-disciplined teaching and learning environment.

Kennedy College is a co-educational, inter-denominational college set in a high quality modern building with many supports in place to help all students to achieve their potential.

Subjects Offered

Irish, and Mathematics are offered at Junior Certificate Level, at Higher, Ordinary and Foundation Level. The following subject options are available at Higher and Ordinary Levels: English, Art, Craft & Design, Business Studies, French, Geography, History, Home Economics, Metalwork, Science, Technical Graphics and Woodwork. CSPE is also taken at Common Level

for Junior Certificate examination. Religious Education, Physical Education, Computer Studies and SPHE also form part of the Junior Cycle Timetable.

Leaving Certificate Students have the option to study at Higher and Ordinary levels in all subjects. In addition, Irish and Mathematics can be taken at Foundation level. All students study the following compulsory subjects: English, Mathematics and Irish with the option of four subjects from the following: Art, Biology, Business Studies, Construction Studies, Design and Communication Graphics, Engineering, French, Geography, History and Home Economics. Students also study the non-examination subjects, Health Education, Career Guidance, Computers, Physical Education and Religion.

Kennedy College offers the Junior Certificate Schools Programme, Transition year, Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied.

PLC Courses Offered: Kennedy College have developed a range of Post Leaving certificate courses to suit the demands of the local community and the interests of the students in the community of New Ross. The college offers five courses at QQI Level 5 – Early Childhood Care and Education, Community and Health Services, Horticulture, Information Processing and Office Administration; and one course at QQI Level 6 in Early Childhood Care and Education. These courses offer students a route to both employment and further education with links with WIT and CIT to support progression to these colleges.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Extra-curricular activities include: Hurling, Football, Soccer, Basketball, Rugby, Athletics and Outdoor Education.

Highlights of 2016 include:

Representatives of Kennedy College Students Council attended a ceremony in Croke Park in March where they received a copy of the Irish Proclamation as part of the 1916 Centenary celebrations. Kennedy College commemorated the 1916 Easter Rising with a Proclamation ceremony in the school with members of the Board of Management, Teachers, Parents, and Students. Students who are members of New Ross Pipe Band drummed in the guests of honour – Commandant Enda McDonald of the Reserve Defence Forces, Denis Kennedy, Chairman of the Board of Management and members of the Student council. During the ceremony, the story of 1916 was told, the Irish Proclamation was read and the National Anthem was sung. One of the highlights was the reading of a new Proclamation that students had written for Kennedy College for 2016.

Kennedy College had a Gaeilge subject Inspection in March. The feedback from this inspection was very positive where the quality of teaching and learning was acknowledged, the commitment of teachers to the progress of the students was clear with good motivation and encouragement of students along with a recommendation of further development of ICT.

The staff and students have embraced the introduction of Office 365 as a platform for teaching and learning, with the support of Waterford and Wexford ETB and IT support Fiona Dee. A

comprehensive WIFI system has been installed to support ICT for teachers and students. A Teaching and Learning team of four teachers was set up and are working with Education Co-ordinator, Sinead O'Hara. This team are attending a number of in-services in Magenta Principles by Mike Hughes.

The final highlight of the academic year was the Awards Day in May, where students achieved many awards in academic, personal and sporting achievements.

Get Set Go is an induction programme for incoming first year students which aims to teach and support students in their transition from primary to secondary school, dealing with issues for students. For example, respect, dealing with bullying, coping skills, resilience, new subjects, homework and studying. Teachers in Kennedy College and Coláiste Abbain developed this programme in 2015. Two teachers from Kennedy College showcased the programme at Feilte in the RDS Dublin in October on World Teachers Day, where there was great interest shown by teachers throughout the country.

Transition year has been introduced for the first time by Kennedy College for students who have completed their Junior Certificate. Twenty three students made up the Transition year class. They followed a broad and comprehensive programme with Green schools, Junk couture and Gaisce as highlights. Students are also completing a Leadership programme with Wexford County Council. TY students ran a very successful Craft Fair in December selling candle holders, cribs, Christmas decorations and food items.

The School Improvement Plan focused on the Promotion of Positive Behaviour as its theme this year. Students are recognised for good work and behaviour through a variety of rewards throughout the year with certificates awarded for excellence in behaviour for each term and for the school year. A merit scheme is also in place to acknowledge students achievements throughout the year. Successful students went on a Rewards Trip at the end of the summer term and Christmas term. In May, Junior students went for a fun day at the beach in Curracloe, while senior students were guests of (past student) Mayor Joe Malone for a tourist trail in Kilkenny where the highlight of the tour was Kilkenny Council Chamber. In December all successful students went to the cinema in St. Michaels Theatre New Ross.

Meánscoil San Nioclás

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Leithdháilte múinteoirí 2015/2016: Cúrsaí an lae ar fad 12.85 Múinteoirí
1.00 Cúntóir Riachtanas Speisialta

Leithdháilte múinteoirí 2016/2017: Cúrsaí an lae ar fad 14.15 Múinteoirí
1.00 Cúntóir Riachtanas Speisialta

Ráiteas Misin:

'Sí an aidhm atá againn ná daltaí a ullmhú don saol agus iad a fhorbairt go lán a gcumais. Éascaítear an bóthar intleachtúil, fisiciúil, sóisialta agus spioradálta dóibh.

Cuirtear scoth na múinteoireachta ar fáil agus cothaítear labhairt na Gaeilge agus cur amach ar na traidisiúin Ghaelacha mar chrann taca do gach dalta agus iad á seoladh amach fén domhan mór.

Soláthraimid deiseanna foghlama fad saoil agus gnéithe éagsúla den gcultúr Gaelach i measc muintir na nDéise idir óg agus aosta.

Réamhrá:

Curaclam na Scoile

Teastas Sóisearach: Gaeilge, Béarla, Mata, Stair, Tíreolaíocht, Eolaíocht, Spáinnis, Ealaín, Staidéar Gnó, Teagasc Críostaí, Teicneolaíocht Ábhar Adhmad, Eacnamaíocht Bhaile, Gairmthreoir, Amhránaíocht, Ceol, SPHE, agus Polaitíocht.

Ardeist: Gaeilge, Béarla, Mata, Stair, Tíreolaíocht, Spáinnis, Bitheolaíocht, Ceimic, Fisic, Staidéar Gnó, Ealaín, Staidéar Foirgníochta, Grafaic Dhearaidh agus Chumarsáide, Eacnamaíocht Bhaile, Gairmthreoir, Amhránaíocht, Ceol agus Teagasc Críostaí.

Seach-churaclam:

Foirne Peile agus Iomána, Foireann Camogaíochta, Peil na mBan, Ceol Traidisiúnta, Cór, Labhairt Poiblí, Rámhaíocht, Drámaíocht, Rasaíocht Trastíre, Club Ealaíne, Club Spáinnise agus Club Fisice.

Buaicphointí 2016:

- Seaimpíní na Mumhan san Iomáint agus sa Pheil faoi 16 go leath agus Seaimpíní an Chontae san Iomáint faoi 14.
- Sárthuirisc Idirbhliana faighte ón Roinn Oideachais.
- Lucht ceoil agus amhránaíochta Bl. 1 ina Seaimpíní i gCraobh Náisiúnta Scéilp Ghael Linn.
- An scoil sa chomórtas náisiúnta Junk Kouture.

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7.00 SNA

Teacher Allocation for 2016/2017: Full Time Day Courses 42.28 WTE Teachers
7.00 SNA

Mission Statement

Teaching and Learning with care and respect, where every person matters.

Introduction:

Selskar College has put together an educational, pastoral and extra-curricular programme that takes account of the fact that students have many different needs and different ways of learning. There is not just one type of Junior Certificate; but two, there is not just one type of Leaving Certificate; but three. Many of the college students progress to Further and Higher Education and to direct employment. A wide range of Further Education Courses are offered for school leavers and mature students. All students should be happy, respected and encouraged to reach their potential and that is taken care of in this school. Through encouraging respect for each other and valuing the opportunities available, we all grow and learn.

Subjects Offered

The Core Subjects at Junior Certificate Level are: Civic, Social & Political Education, Irish, English, Mathematics, Science, Social, Personal & Health Education and Physical Education. Students also choose from the following: Art, Business Studies, French, Geography, History, Technical Graphics, Home Economics, Materials Technology (Wood), Metalwork, Music, Religious Education and Computers. The Junior Certificate Schools Programme is also offered in the School.

The Core Subjects at Senior Level are Irish, English and Mathematics. The elective subjects on offer are Accounting, Art, Biology, Business, Construction Studies, Design & Communications

Graphics, Economics, Engineering, French, Geography, Home Economics and Physics. The non-examination subjects of Career Guidance, Health Education, Religion and Physical Education are also taken. The Leaving Certificate Applied, Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme are also offered in the School.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Extra-curricular activities include: Basketball, Fishing, Soccer and Outdoor Education.

Highlights of 2016 include:

- The college had a WSE-MLL beginning on 12 January and received verbal feedback on 29 January 2016.
- Students took part in the Sky Sports, Living for Sport.
- The college received a donation from the sale of The Keelogue Institute premises, which was used to upgrade the Technical Graphics Room.
- There were a number of events to mark the anniversary of 1916 which included:
 - Proclamation Day on 15 March;
 - Five representatives from the college travelled to Croke Park on 7 March to receive a copy of the Proclamation and stand for the Tricolour received last year.
- Fifth Year LCA students won two awards at the recent Xcel Enterprise awards; Runner Up in LCVP/LCA category and Best Report in LCVP/LCA category.
- First Year students took part in a poetry/rap workshop; the result can be heard on our website www.selskarcollege.ie (really worth a listen).
- The College was awarded a Well-Read Flag – one of only 34 schools in the country to achieve this award, as a result of the whole school commitment to reading.



St Declan's Community College

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Teacher Allocation for 2016/2017: Full Time Day Courses 45.51 WTE Teachers
3.00 SNA

Teacher Allocation for 2016/2017: Full Time Day Courses 45.58 WTE Teachers
3.00 SNA

Introduction:

St Declan's Community College is a modern co-educational school under the auspices of Waterford and Wexford ETB. As it passes the fortieth anniversary of its opening, St Declan's continues to develop as the focus of second-level education in mid-Waterford.

The size of the student population has increased greatly over the years, and the schools accommodation has expanded to meet student needs. St Declan's offers its students a highly comprehensive range of subjects to Junior and Leaving Certificate Level. Fourth Year is very well established in the College, while programmes such as Junior Certificate Schools Programme and Leaving Certificate Applied add further breadth to the Curriculum.

Subjects Offered

Subjects offered at Junior Certificate Level include: Irish, English, Mathematics, French, Religious Education, Art, Craft and Design, Physical Education and History. The Junior Certificate Schools Programme is also offered in the School.

Subjects offered at Leaving Certificate Level include: Irish, French, Economics, English, German, Business Organisation, Religion, Accountancy, Biology, Geography, Music, Chemistry, History, Physics, Maths, Agricultural Science, Home Economics, Art, Craft & Design, Physical Education, Career Guidance, Construction Studies, Engineering Technology and Technical Drawing. The Leaving Certificate Applied Programme is also offered in the School.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Extra-curricular activities include: Hockey, Equestrian Sports, Athletics, Badminton, Football, Hurling, Ladies Football, Camogie, Soccer, Orienteering, Ladies Soccer, Table Tennis, Swimming and Outdoor Pursuits.

Highlights for 2016

- School Secretaries and Principal attended in-service on Dignity at Work
- TYP Harmony Programme – using music to communicate the message about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.
- Special Merit Award presented to the school by the GAA, acknowledging the great work being done in the school and in particular winning the Munster C title and going on to the All-Ireland Final.
- Fifth Year Retreat took place on 23 February.
- TYP, Community of Social Innovators attended the Annual COSI Conference. The conference was addressed by retired governor of Mountjoy, John Lonergan. The COSI team have opened a Community Closet every second Friday where they sell pre-loved clothing. The proceeds go to the Sunflower Shop in Kilmacthomas, which supports the Waterford Hospice Fund.
- TYP students Jenny Guiry and Chloe Rahe qualified for the regional finals of the Soroptomist Girls Public Speaking Competition. Jenny won a trophy for the best researched presentation.
- Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – Ben O’Donnell from the TYP was selected to represent the school on the pilgrimage.
- TYP Architecture Workshop – St. Declan’s was selected as one of the few schools in the Country to participate in this workshop. It is set up and funded by the Irish Architecture Foundation. Twenty one TYP students participated in the workshop which lasted over three weeks.
- Enterprise Awards. The school was awarded with a permanent trophy for our continued success in promoting enterprise in TYP over the past decade.
- 1916 Centenary Celebration
Each class in the school collected money to purchase a tree and a tree was planted for every class in the school and one for the staff. On the morning of the 15th of March the chairman of the Board of Management, Mr. Oliver Coffey, formally opened the Commemorative Grove and raised the National flag. All students and staff were present for this simple and dignified ceremony. The ceremony concluded with a singing of our national anthem led by Ms. Jean Dunphy.
- Sixth Years had a speaker from “Aware” to talk about mental health and how to deal with stress.
- Seachtain na Gaeilge
Various activities were organised by the Irish Department which included an Art Competition, Quiz, Bingo as Gaeilge and Céilí.
- St. Declan’s reached the Munster final in camogie
- Barry Keane qualified for the all Ireland in Athletics but sadly was beaten on the day.
- At the Munster Indoor games which took place on 1 March, Luke Brennan won gold for the 600 metres and Cathal Scanlon won bronze in the 60 metres hurdles.

- West Waterford Food Festival: Cleon Whelan and Jennifer Morrissey were the winners of the Junior category with their Rainbow Piñata Cake. Louise Murphy won the Senior category with her teddy bear's picnic cake.
- Wheelchair Basketball
Waterford Sports Partnership in conjunction with the Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA) ran a TY Wheelchair Basketball session with students from St. Declan's on 7 April.
- St. Declan's participated in Stand Up Week. We wanted to show our support for our LGBT friends and colleagues. The student council painted rainbows around the school as a visual reminder that all are welcome in our school community. They also distributed stickers for "Chill Out" the drop in centre which runs a support group for LGBT young people. We wanted to highlight the fact that we are an inclusive school and all are welcome.
- Young Social Innovators
On Tuesday 10 May, St. Declan's Transition Year Young Social Innovators (YSI) team travelled to City West Hotel Dublin for the annual 2016 YSI Showcase. Ben O'Donnell and Emily Laffan presented the project on behalf of the St. Declan's YSI team. Their theme for this year's project was health and wellbeing. The students decided to do a project promoting positive mental health. A group of students made a short video where they interviewed fellow students and asked them a series of questions regarding body image and self-worth. The video can be found on YouTube by searching "We Choose Beautiful – A Social Experiment". Ben and Emily performed very well and the school received an award for being a "Centre of Excellence for Social Innovation".
- Congratulations to all the students who won the under 15 ½ Waterford Colleges Football championship. A huge amount of hard work was put in all year and they are deserving champions.
- First Year Classes visited Curraghmore Estate during the month of May. The trip began with an informative talk about the history of the estate, reminding students that the house has been lived in since the 12th Century.
Next the Mayfield Birds of Prey gave an educational talk and Falconry demonstration. The students got to see the birds up close, all under the control of the very experienced falconer.
All students had the opportunity to take part in archery, which was very enjoyable and they had lots of fun.
The trip ended with a relaxing walk of the estate. The sun shone to make it the perfect day.
- Sixth Year Graduation Ceremony was held on 23 May.
- Third Year CSPE Projects included talks from Focus Ireland, Donna's Equine Sanctuary and the Deise Animal Sanctuary. The projects, supervised by the CSPE teachers, help raise awareness about issues in our community and what can be done to address these problems.
- Science Week. Many activities and trips were organised by the Science teachers throughout the week. There was an excellent teams/games/tournament for all Third Year students at the end of the week.

- Mentor Programme. Mentors, with the co-ordinating teachers, organised a Quiz for all First Years just before the mid-term break. Mentors made out the questions, organised the teams, acted as quiz masters and corrected each round.
- Invited to UCD for Entrance Scholars Awards Ceremony. Daniel Hassett received a presentation for his high achievement in the Leaving Certificate. He is currently studying medicine.
- Invited to WIT where 15 students from St. Declan's were recognised for achieving A in the Junior Certificate.
- Thomas Walsh achieved second in Ireland in the Junior Certificate higher level Technical Graphics.
- European Languages Morning – French and German TYP students organised a wonderful array of foods from these two countries. Students had to prepare a project on an aspect of their studied country. Prizes were awarded for the best projects and students then watched a film in their respective language.
- Friendship Week. The core idea of the week is to encourage students to appreciate the importance of friendship and to foster a friendly environment so that everyone is valued and respected. All students were involved in various activities and all engaged in friendship building fun activities in the Gym.
- Gaeilge 24. First Year students were encouraged to speak Irish for 24 hours. Many activities were organised to help with this task which included; Singing, Drama, Table Quiz and Films.

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13.00 SNA

Mission Statement

St Paul's Community College is a multi-denominational, co-educational school providing an inclusive learning environment for all. We recognise and respect each student as an individual, embracing a variety of learning and teaching styles and aspiring to encourage each student's unique skills and talents. St Paul's Community College encourages the involvement of parents through home school contacts and through the involvement in the development and growth of the Parents Council.

Introduction:

St Paul's Community College is situated on Browne's Road, a stretch of road almost a mile in length, which runs from Tycor Road at the Waterworks to the main Waterford/Cork Road opposite Woodlawn Grove housing estate.

The aim of the College is to provide a safe, friendly, well-disciplined teaching and learning environment, where mutual respect is promoted. Each student is also afforded the opportunity to reach their potential in education. The active participation of all members of the school community in the life of St Paul's Community College is encouraged and this is currently exemplified by a vibrant Parents Council.

Subjects Offered

For the Junior Cycle, St Paul's Community College offers all subjects at Higher and Ordinary level. In addition, Foundation Level is offered in English, Mathematics and Irish. Subjects offered at Junior Cycle include: Irish, English, Maths, Science, French, CSPE, Geography, History, Business Studies, Home Economics, Music, Art, Technical Graphics, Woodwork and Metalwork. For the Senior Cycle, the established Leaving Certificate, Leaving Certificate Applied and Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme are offered.

Subjects offered include: Irish, English, Maths, French, Physics, Engineering, History, Business Organisation, Home Economics, German, Biology, Construction Studies, Geography, Economics, Music, Chemistry, Technical Studies, Art and Economic History. Non examination subjects include: Computer Studies, Physical Education, Religion, Career Guidance and Health Education.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Extra-curricular activities include: Basketball, Gymnastics, Volley Ball, Indoor Soccer, Indoor Hurling, Circuit Training, Health and Fitness Gym, Handball Alley and Soccer.

Highlights of 2016 include:

- **Refurbishment of Science Labs (December 2015 – February 2016)**

St. Paul's Science department is delighted with the refurbishment work that was undertaken at the college as a result of Department of Education and Skills Summer Works Capital funding. All three science labs, Preparation and Demonstration rooms underwent refurbishment.

- Three teachers took 30 (Transition / Fifth year) student's skiing to **Erhwald, Austria**.
- **Buddy Bench** was awarded to St. Paul's as part of the Kind Waterford Project. We responded to "what kindness Means".
- **One Book One Community (HSCL) Name Upon Name** by Sheena Wilkinson.
- **Remembering Easter 1916**

On 15 March we all gathered with pride to raise the tri-colour in the school gym to mark the Centenary of the 1916 Rising. We sang the National Anthem, Oró Sé do Bheatha Bhaile and Ireland's Call. This celebration was a culmination of work done by students researching, visiting and learning about Ireland's history.

- **Artifice Exhibition** is an annual event in Lismore Castle. 2016 was St. Paul's first year participating in this arts initiative. Artifice encourages transition year pupils' to explore and create a piece of art. This project work is celebrated in an exhibition in the castle in March.
- **JCSP Make a Book.**
- **Pope John Paul 11 Award** – This year Fifth Year student Sarah Flynn received this award for her ongoing commitment to her work in school and in the community.
- **Barcelona Trip** – culture trip for Second and Fourth years supporting the Spanish curriculum in TY.
- Our commitment to equipping teachers and students with the skills and competence to support and develop an innovative learning culture in our school was acknowledged by Trinity College Dublin. In **May** we received the **Future Vision Award**.
- **WRaPP (Writing Reading & Performance Poetry)**
- Once in a lifetime visit to **Áras an Uachtaráin** on 15 June. Ms. Reilly received and accepted an invitation to accompany 25 students and 5 staff to the Children's Garden Party.
- ASD Student participated in the Walls of Waterford Project.
- **Somme Trip 28 June – 2 July 2016**
July 2016 marked the 100th Anniversary of the start of the Battle of the Somme. As part of the commemoration ceremony the British council selected St. Paul's Community

College to represent Ireland and participate in the ceremony which was held at the Thiepval Memorial.

- Five school leavers from the **ASD Classroom** in 2016. Three have gone on to Third Level, while one has gone on to study in the National Learning Network and one has gone on to further learning in START.
- Visit from Harry Freeman to inspire our LCA students about the value of the LCA program and their college options.
- Wellread Award – St. Paul’s received the Wellread Award in October 2016. This is a National Award designed and organised by the Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST). It aims to create HEIGHTENED AWARENESS about the importance of creating a CULTURE OF READING in school communities for our young people as part of their personal and academic development.
- Maths Week 15 – 20 October.
- Trip to University Limerick’s Open Day (All senior cycle students).
- A visit from author Andy Mulligan.
- Leabhair Gaeilge inniu! (Promotion of Irish language) 15 – 18 November.
- Aoife Hearne spoke about college and general well-being as part of our CFES program.
- On 28 November, Supergeneration – Study Skills for fifth year students took place.
- On 29 November, John Power from WIT spoke to Senior Cycle Students.
- On 30 November, a Vocal Workshop took place for all music students and students interested in singing with past pupil Donna Roche.
- Sci-Fest at schools took place from 13 – 20 November.
- College Awareness Week was celebrated from 21 – 27 November.
- On CAO Day, Sixth year head Ms. Hennessey and Career Guidance teacher Mr. O’Grady organised a day where all sixth years had the opportunity to register early with the CAO so they could avail of the discounted rate.
- From 5 – 11 December, European Vocational Skills Week had an exhibition in the library and promotion in school.
- TY – Oral Communications Module & Exam. This was the first year of this initiative.
- On 8 December Chainsaw artist, John Hayes, visited to talk and demonstrate his work.

Waterford College of Further Education

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Teacher Allocation for 2015/2016: Full Time Day Courses 42.95 WTE Teachers

Teacher Allocation for 2016/2017: Full Time Day Courses 43.62 WTE Teachers

Introduction:

Located in the heart of Waterford City, WCFE offers the largest range of Further Education Courses in the South East. Our state of the art facilities and motivated teaching staff allow us to provide you with the opportunity to pursue your personal and academic goals. We welcome students of all ages, abilities and nationalities and promise to provide you with a learning environment which is both innovative and supportive.

WCFE graduates enjoy professional qualifications certified and accredited by nationally and internationally recognised examining and professional bodies.

Courses Offered

Full time day courses include: Advanced Art and Photography, Photographic Studies, Art & Design Portfolio, Advanced Certificate in Photography, Beauty Therapy, Holistic Therapies, Business Studies, Business Studies with Digital Marketing, Advanced Certificate in Business, Community Addiction Studies, Advanced Certificate in Childcare, Childcare, Special Needs Assistant, Applied Social Studies, Computer Systems and Networks, Multimedia, Construction Technology, Electronic Technology, Hairdressing, Advanced Certificate in Media Production, Journalism and photography, Sound Engineering and Music Technology, Nursing Studies, Healthcare Support, Fitness and Health, Sport Therapy and Injury Management, Sport, Physical Fitness and Massage, Sport and Recreation, Hospitality Operations, Tourism and Travel Industry Studies, Pharmacy Assistant

Evening Courses include:

Childcare: Level 5 Understanding Special Needs, The Emotional Life of the Child.

Education: Training Delivery and Evaluation, Returning to Education Foundation Course.

Business: Level 4 Bookkeeping and Accounts, Introduction to Management for Beginners, Level 5 Payroll Manual and Computerised, Level 5 Start your own Business.

Beauty/Hairdressing: Introduction to Hairdressing, Introduction to Barbering, Introduction to Massage and Complimentary Therapy, Introduction to Beauty Therapy, Style and Image.

IT: IT for Beginners, Introduction to Web Design, Introduction to Graphic Design, CAD, Introduction to Software Development.

Photography Basic: Digital Photo Imaging.

Counselling/Psychotherapy/Psychology: Introduction to Psychotherapy with Counselling Skills, Introduction to CBT, Introduction to Psychology, Healing through Play – A psychotherapeutic Approach. Art Therapy.

Other Courses: Archaeology 1 and 2, Spanish, French, German, Italian, Sign Language, Strength and Fitness, Sports Massage, Philosophy, Guitar, Woodturning, Art, Painting, Textiles, Flower Arranging, Gardening, Cooking, Cake Craft, English Literature, Creative Writing.

Highlights of 2016 include:

- WCFE Men's Soccer team reached the All Ireland Finals in the FAI Colleges League.
- WCFE Women's Soccer team reach the Quarter finals of the All Ireland FAI Colleges League.
- SOLAS Funding was received to carry out Physical Education refurbishment

Outdoor Education & Training Centre

Shielbaggan Outdoor Education & Training Centre

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Background Information:

Shielbaggan Outdoor Education and Training Centre (SOETC) has been providing outdoor education for over 25 years and is situated at the base of the Hook peninsula.

SOETC provides outdoor education through adventure sport, on land and sea, primarily for young people but also for adults. The location amongst some of the best beaches in Ireland and the favourable weather in the “Sunny South East” makes SOETC the ideal location to bring a group to come and improve your skills.

At SOETC we are proud to provide quality outdoor programmes for a diverse range of clients. Employing some of the most highly qualified instructors we work to tailor courses to clients’ needs. Whilst SOETC works primarily with groups from Education and Youth work we also provide courses for individuals as well as specialist courses for both instructor training and the emergency services.

Activities Offered

Activities Offered in the Centre include Caving, Rock Climbing and Abseiling, Kayaking and Canoeing, Archery, Sea Kayaking, Orienteering, Team Building, Hillwalking, Surfing, Coasteering and High Ropes.

Training Courses Offered

A number of Training Courses are offered in the Centre, which include; River Safety and Rescue, Coasteering, Sea Kayaking, First Aid Courses and Powerboat Courses.

Highlights/Developments of 2016 include:

SOETC is now the key location in the country for the training of Coasteering instructors having worked closely with other providers to set up the Association of Coasteering Providers (IACP) We are also providing Orienteering mapping services to Schools.

Centre Usage 2016

Users	No. of Students
Schoolgoers/Students – Irish	4549
Schoolgoers/Students – Foreign	314
Adult	655
Youth & Special Needs Groups	1038
Training Courses	584
Miscellaneous	303
TOTAL	7443



Adult Guidance Service

Adult Education Officer: Michael Kirwan

Mission Statement

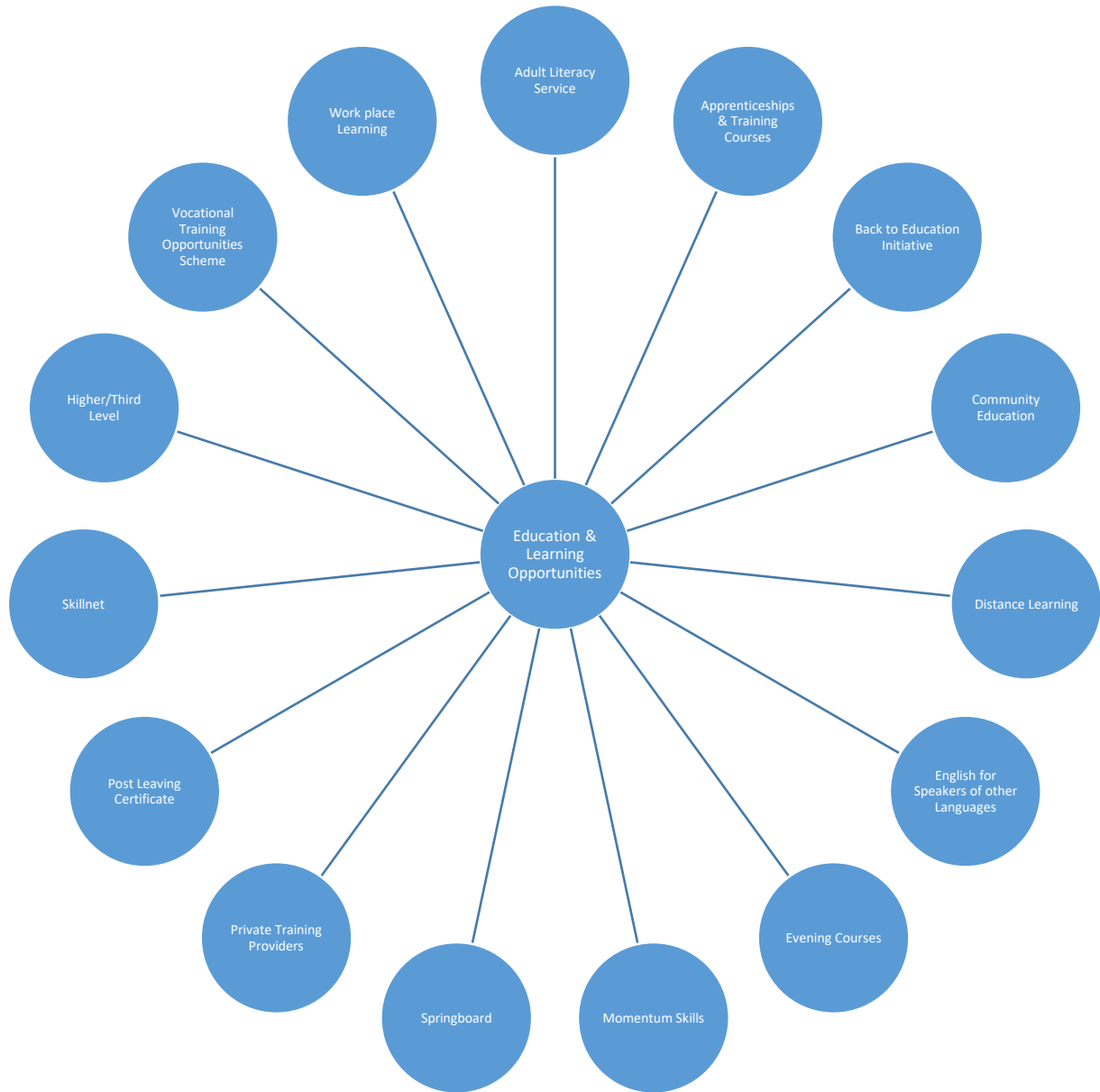
An opportunity to look at your present situation and plan for the future.

Introduction:

The Adult Guidance service is a free, confidential service that provides information on adult education and training opportunities as well as one-to-one guidance to support people in making informed educational, career and life choices.

The Service provides Guidance counselling and information services to individual clients and to groups, and referral services to other agencies, as appropriate. Support and advice in the field of guidance and counselling to staff in adult education centres, and support in the development of an integrated curriculum of learning, guidance and progression.

There are a wide variety of choices available to clients, these include: Adult Literacy Service, Apprenticeships and Training Courses, Back to Education Initiative, Community Education, Distance Learning, English for Speakers of other languages, Evening Courses, Higher/Third Level, Momentum Skills, Post Leaving Certificate, Private Training Providers, Skillnet, Springboard, Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme and Work Place Learning.



Waterford

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2016 Participant/Staff Figures

Participant Numbers		
Male	754	40%
Female	1131	60%
TOTAL	1885	

Staff Numbers – Paid		
Male	1	50%
Female	1	50%
TOTAL	2	

Highlights for 2016

- A lot of work took place in terms of populating the joint guidance website www.wwaegs.ie which was officially launched.
- Delivered presentation on Financial Supports for Education in the Central Library Waterford City.
- Management of Regional Educational Guidance Service (REGSA) transferred from WIT to WWETB (effective from 1 January 2017).

Wexford

Guidance Counsellor: Grace Finlay

Guidance Counsellor: Rosarii Curran

Information Officer: Mary Ruth Tobin

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2016 Participant/Staff Figures

Participant Numbers		
Male	434	35%
Female	805	65%
TOTAL	1239	

Staff Numbers – Paid		
Male	0	%
Female	2	100%
TOTAL	2	

Highlights for 2016

- Worked with learners on BTEI Healthcare and Horticulture groups.
- Attended CPD on best practice in administering psychometric tests.
- Recruited new contracted part-time guidance counsellor.
- Organised workshops for VTOS students in five centres that focused on a review of where students are now and what ideally they want to do. Timelines / milestones and what they have learned, assessing transferable skills and possible options and agreeing an action plan and next steps were looked at.
- Provided group guidance information session and 1-1 guidance for ESOL learners.
- Provided 1:1 guidance for clients applying to college regarding course choices, application process and funding.
- Worked with ECDL ETB contracted training group in Gorey.
- Worked with HSE Stepping Stones groups.
- Organised meeting for end of term – an internal review and evaluation of guidance service.
- Changed over to using Office 365 to allow for ease of sharing information between programmes.
- Organised network meeting between WWETB guidance staff and training staff in the WWETB Wexford Training Centre.
- Developed a WWETB Intern Pack in response to a request from the IT Dept.
- Attended Management Meetings for Gorey and Wexford Adult Education Centres.
- Attended learner event to mark completion of gardening project in Wexford Adult Education Centre.

- Involved in planning and organisation of official opening of Wexford Adult Education Centre, as well as giving radio interview on the day to promote guidance supports available within the centre.
- Facilitated work experience student from the 'Experience Success' Project to work on the WWAEGS website.
- Gave a presentation to a group of learners in Southend Family Resource Centre who are doing a course through An Cosán.
- Gave a presentation at a Home School Community Liaison Cluster Meeting.

Adult Literacy Programme

Adult Education Officer: Michael Kirwan

WWETB's Adult Literacy Programme provides a free and confidential service for adults seeking help to improve their literacy/numeracy skills.

Waterford City Adult Literacy Service

Adult Literacy Organiser: Joann Power

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Introduction:

The Adult Literacy Programme provides adults with a chance to learn basic skills which may be needed for employment, further study and for use in their daily lives. There are opportunities to develop a range of skills in areas such as reading, writing, spelling, numeracy, form filling, letter writing, computer literacy and personal development.

The tuition is free of charge and may be offered on a one to one basis or in a group setting depending on individual needs. Students can choose what they want to learn (by identifying their interests and needs) and they can work at their own pace.

Courses Offered

A range of accredited courses at QQI Level 1 to 3 are available. Other programmes include; Intensive Tuition in Core Skills, Workplace Programmes and Family Learning Programmes. The Intensive Tuition in Core Skills develops core skills in reading, writing, communications, maths and computers. Participants study in small groups for six hours a week for a 14-week block. This course is a good starting point for adults who left school early and wish to get back into education.

The Workplace Programmes provide core skills needed for the modern workplace. Participants develop their communication, maths and ICT skills in a small group setting.

The Family Learning Programmes recognise that parents are the primary teachers of their children. They provide support for parents/guardians and are an opportunity to discover the fun of learning together.

Highlights of 2016 include:

Adult Literacy Budget Enrolments	959
ITABE Programme	40
Skills for Work Programme	144
Number of learners with volunteers	36
ESOL Enrolments	651

Keep Calm and Love Learning Blog – WWETB, Adult Literacy Service Initiative

Empowering adult learners through Digital Literacy – A project between Adult Literacy Services (WWETB) in Waterford and Waterford Library Services



Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board (ETB) with Waterford Library Services saw Mayor John Hearne launch a Digital Literacy Project called 'Keep Calm and Love Learning' in Central Library, Waterford City.

This Digital Literacy Project will invite adult learners from

across Waterford County and City Adult Learning Centres to blog about their experiences of learning as an adult. The aim of this project is to empower learners to express personal stories in their own words and to inspire other adults to join an adult education course.



'The Snuggle Stories Project' – An inter-agency project to promote reading amongst families in Waterford

A selection of photographs celebrating the current projects that are ongoing in the Adult Literacy Services across Waterford.



The Adult Learners Festival



The Limelight Players, an Adult Literacy Service Drama Group in Waterford City with their tutor Carol Doherty and Joann Power, ALO



Students in the Adult Literacy Service in Waterford City



Tutor, Margaret Howard delivering 'Empowering Travellers in Education' A literacy initiative in Waterford City

West Waterford Adult Literacy Service

Adult Literacy Organiser: Nicola McCarthy Hanlon

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Introduction:

The Adult Learning/Adult Literacy Programme provides adults with a fresh start to learn basic core skills needed for employment, further study and daily life. With the Programmes you learn at your own pace, the classes are based around the interests and needs of participants. You can receive individual support by working with your own tutor to develop your skills. Small group classes provide excellent opportunities to learn new skills and to make new friends. Classes are provided both during the day and in the evening and courses are free to adults.

Courses Offered

Programmes offered include; Read and Write with Confidence, Learn to Love Maths, Intensive Tuition in Core Skills, Workplace Programmes, Family Learning Programmes and ESOL. A range of accredited courses at QQI Level 1 to 3 are available and include Computers and Internet Skills, Maths, Food and Cookery, Food and Nutrition, Childcare, Personal Development, Communications, Graphic Communications, Horticulture, Irish, Personal Effectiveness, Consumer Awareness, Desktop Publishing.

Highlights of 2016 include:

- The service is currently working with TUS, H.S.E, Focus Ireland, RESPOND, Vincent De Paul, (St. Mary's School, St. Josephs School, Meánscoil San Nioclás – all DÉIS schools), Community Employment Schemes in Dungarvan, Stradbally, Tallow, Cappoquin and Ardmore.
- The QQI Award ceremony for students in the Cappoquin centre was held on 8 November and was a well-attended event.
- The QQI award ceremony for Dungarvan was held on 8 December in the Park Hotel. Two hundred and fourteen certificates were awarded to learners.
- Margaret Curran, Home school Liaison teacher, presented information on a healthy eating project funded under DEIS in Dungarvan to the National Family learning conference in Dublin. This project reached the final of the STAR award.
- Local primary schools are becoming involved in the Primary school Refugee programme in Clonea and the Refugee children have spent three days to date integrating in local primary school activities.
- Funding has been secured to ensure the employment of three teachers on the Primary school programme.



DEIS Family Learning
Project - Story sacks in St.
Marys School, Dungarvan.

This is a reading
programme with parents
and children.

East Waterford Adult Literacy Service

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Introduction:

The Adult Learning/Adult Literacy Programme provides adults with a fresh start to learn basic core skills needed for employment, further study and daily life. With the Programmes you learn at your own pace and the classes are based around the interests and needs of participants. You can receive individual support by working with your own tutor to develop your skills. Small group classes provide excellent opportunities to learn new skills and to make new friends. Classes are provided both during the day and in the evening and courses are free to adults.

Courses Offered

Programmes offered include: Read and Write with Confidence, Learn to Love Maths, Intensive Tuition in Core Skills, Workplace Programmes, Family Learning Programmes and ESOL. A range of accredited courses at QQI Level 1 to 3 are available and include Computers and Internet Skills, Maths, Food and Cookery, Food and Nutrition, Childcare, Personal Development, Communications, Graphic Communications, Horticulture, Irish, Personal Effectiveness, Consumer Awareness and Desktop Publishing.

Highlights of 2016 include:



Launch of Keep Calm and Love Learning

Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board (ETB) with Waterford City and County Library Service launched a Digital Literacy Project called 'Keep Calm and Love Learning'.

Waterford City and County Library Service provides free membership to all adults, which includes access to online learning, email and blogging, job websites and social media. Wifi is available in all branches if using laptops or tablets and e-journals, e-books and online newspapers are also accessible in the libraries, all of which help with digital literacy skills.

Learners attending classes with Waterford and Wexford Education Board are learning the Digital literacy skills that are required in the modern workplace and education environments

Snuggle Stories: Get Comfortable Reading Family Literacy Programme

An interagency steering group consisting of Waterford and Wexford ETB Literacy Services, Public Health Nurse, Waterford City and County Library Services, Waterford County Childcare

Committee, Foróige, Child and Youth Services set about developing a project to promote good oral language development in children and develop a reading culture amongst families across Waterford city and county.



The Snuggle Stories project 2016 in Waterford consisted of two strands:

Strand 1: Provide a 'book pack' for all parents who have had children born in 2015 – universal approach at the 9-month developmental check. Distribution of the Snuggle Stories book pack started in September.

Strand 2: Provide a literacy support programme to an identified group of parents with babies born in two geographic areas of Waterford. One of the identified groups was a RESPOND Parent and Toddler Group in Tramore. The programme started in October with ten families participating each week.

ESOL Summer Programme for Asylum Seekers

A six-week summer programme for Asylum Seekers took place during the months of June and July. Thirty Learners studied English and IT achieving a QQI Award at Level 2 in Information Technology and Listening and Speaking.



Learner Trip to Dublin to learn about 1916 Rising

Official Opening



In October, Tramore Further Education and Training Centre was officially opened by Minister of State for Training and Skills, John Halligan. Over 100 people turned up on the day to celebrate the new look centre.

The centre now has a premises that reflects the quality of education that the people of Tramore and surrounds can avail of in the Centre.



Tramore Further Education and Training Centre Awards Night

In November, Tramore Further Education and Training Centre celebrated the hard work and achievements of learners and tutors at the Annual Awards night.





Refugee Programme

Refugee Programme Facilitator: Michael Kirwan

The Irish Government's decision in September 2015 to accept 4,000 refugees from the Syrian civil war, led to WWETB's involvement in this Department of Justice led programme. A multi-agency task group was set up locally to co-ordinate services. The initial group consisted of DSP, HSE, TUSLA, Gardaí, City and County Childcare, WWETB and Department of Justice.

The ETB is responsible for the educational needs of the Primary and Secondary school aged children, as well as the Adults. An Orientation programme is delivered over a 10 to 12 week period which introduces skills and information needed to cope with life in Ireland.

The **Primary School Preparation Programme** introduces the children to school life, many for the first time. The **PSPP** runs from 9.00 am to 1.00pm Monday to Thursday

- Although a shorter day, it replicates the school environment
- It allows a timely and sensitive transition to attending school in a new environment
- It begins the essential skills of learning English
- The children are assessed and a full report is prepared for their Primary school when they arrive in their permanent home
- It also introduces the whole family to the routine of a school day/week
- Classes are run in the Clonea Strand Hotel

The **Secondary Students** attend classes in Coláiste Chathail Naofa, the ETB school in Dungarvan. The Department of Education has given an allocation of 22 hours per week to the school to provide extra language and cultural classes to these students.

The **Adult Programme** is run in the ETB offices in Dungarvan. This Socialisation programme covers a wide range of areas including:

- Childcare and safety
- The law in Ireland
- Money Management
- Education, Jobs and Training
- Food and hygiene

English language is also an important aspect of their 10 week programme. Classes are run from 9.30 to 12.30 Monday to Friday.

The **total hours** delivered on the **Refugee programme in 2016** were:

Adults = 1,412 hours

Primary = 1981.83 hours

Total = 3,393.83 hours

Back to Education Initiative

Community Education Facilitator: Fran Kennedy

The Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) is a flexible, part-time training programme providing opportunities to return to learning. It provides the chance to combine a return to education and training with family, work and other responsibilities. Delivery times are flexible and are decided by the group.

To be eligible to participate in a BTEI programme a learner must have less than Leaving Certificate and/or be in receipt of a social welfare payment. The programme can be offered up to a maximum of 17 hours per week or 400 hours per annum.

In WWETB, the BTEI Programme is offered in Co Wexford, Waterford City and Co Waterford in our Further Education and Training Centres and in community locations. The BTEI Community Strand is delivered in Waterford City with XLC and in Co Wexford with South West Wexford Family Resource Centre.

County Waterford Service

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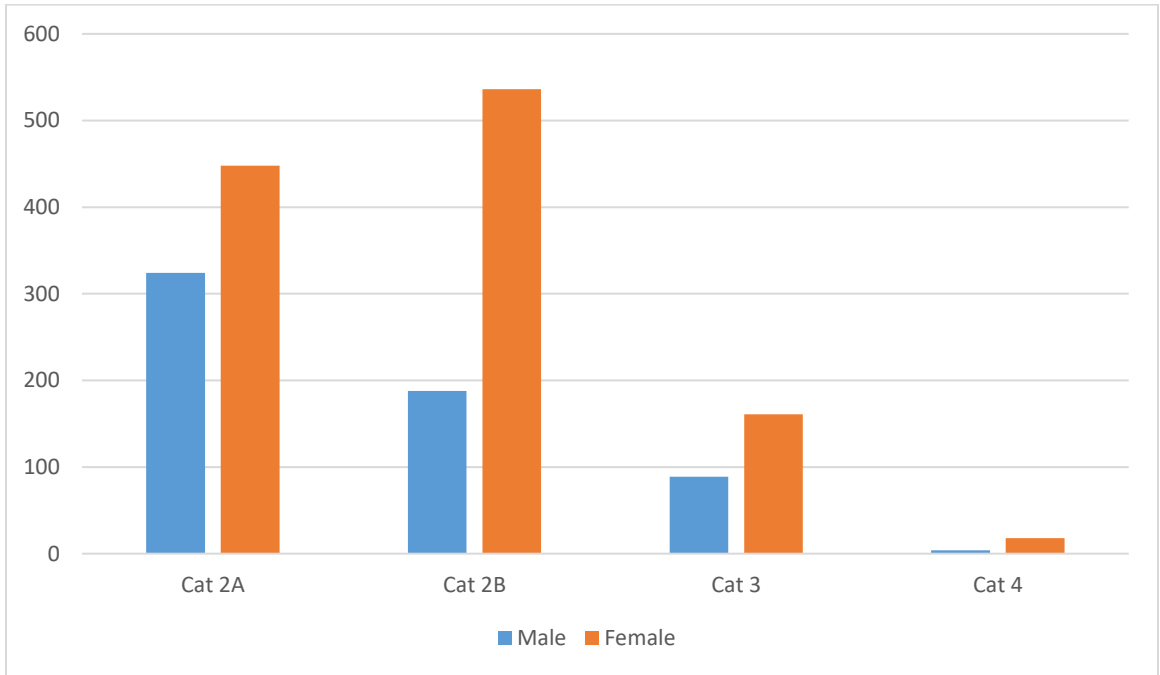
Waterford City Service

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Wexford Service

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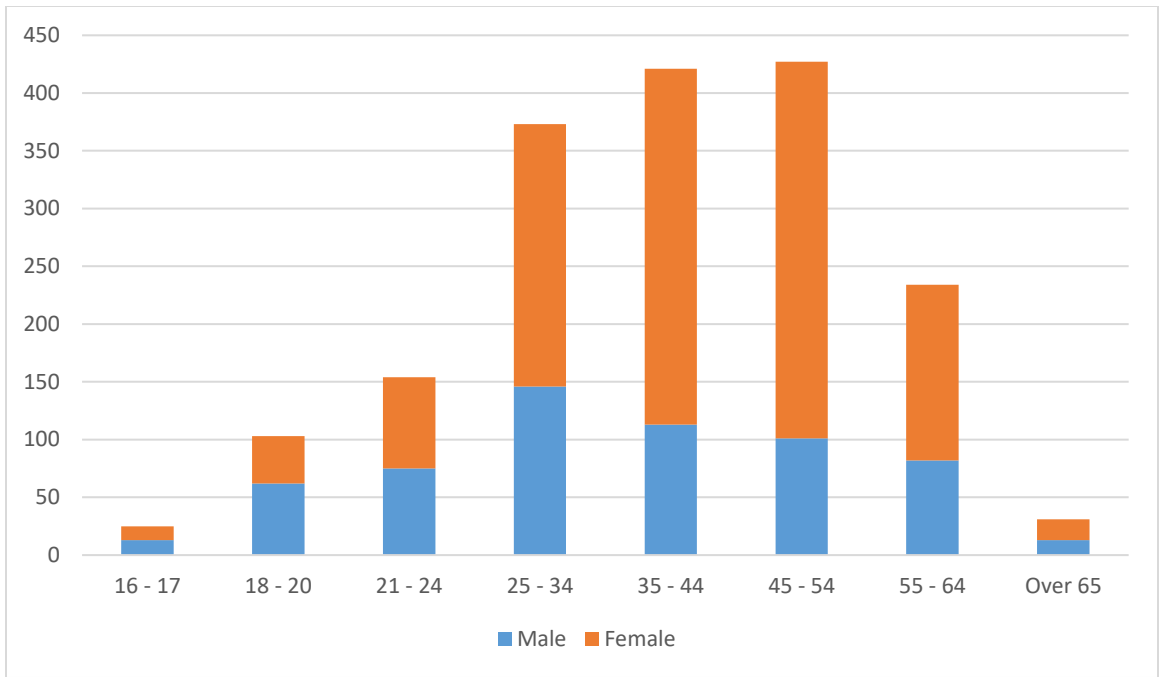
Total Number of BTEI Participants per Funding Category



Funding Category	Male	Female
Cat 2A	324	448
Cat 2B	188	536
Cat 3	89	161
Cat 4	4	18

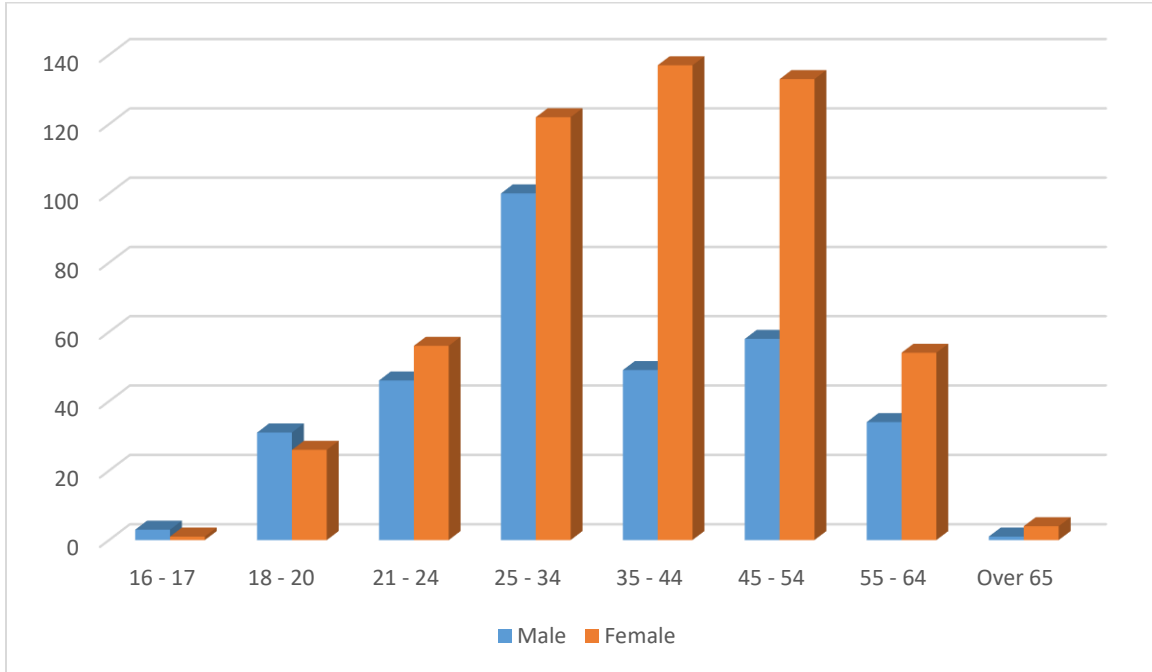
- Cat 2A – DSP Payment and less than Leaving Certificate
- Cat 2B – DSP Payment and completed Leaving Certificate
- Cat 3 – Less than Leaving Certificate
- Cat 4 - Other

Total Number of BTEI Participants per Age Band



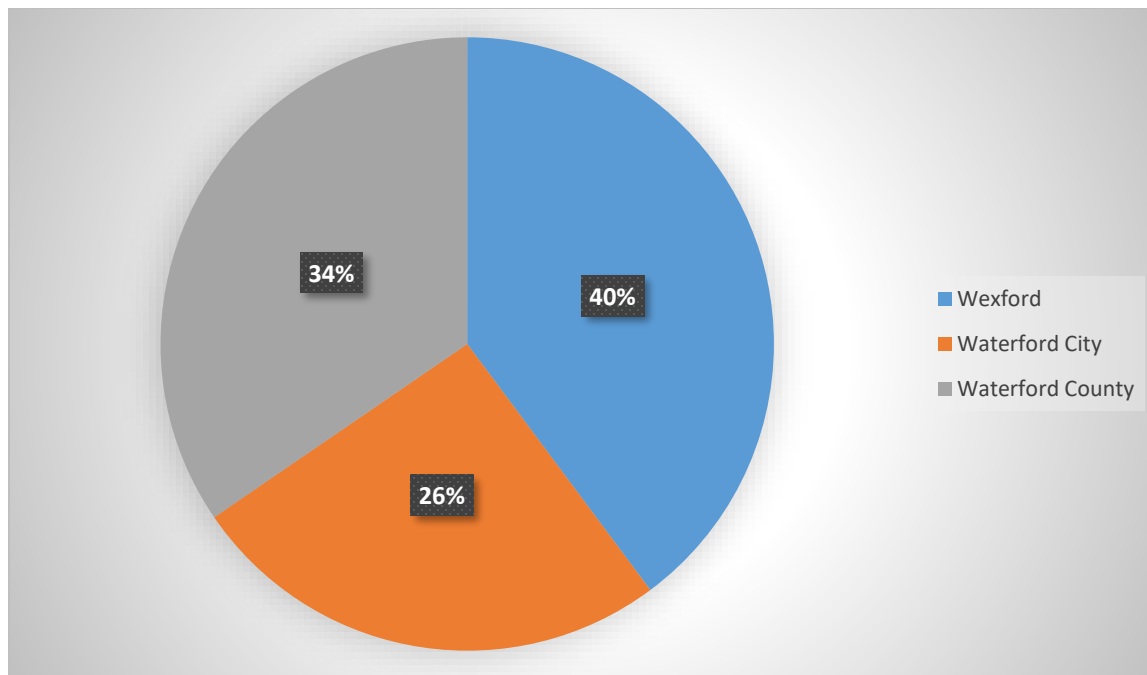
Age Band	Male	Female
16 – 17	13	12
18 – 20	62	41
21 – 24	75	79
25 – 34	146	227
35 – 44	113	308
45 – 54	101	326
55 – 64	82	152
Over 65	13	18

Total Number of BTEI Participants who are Unemployed per Age Band



Age Band	Male	Female
16 – 17	3	1
18 – 20	31	26
21 – 24	46	56
25 – 34	100	122
35 – 44	49	137
45 – 54	58	133
55 – 64	34	54
Over 65	1	4

Total Number of BTEI Participants



Total Number of Programmes completed and number of certified awards

Programme	Programme Completed			Awards Achieved		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Level 2 Single Subject	-	-	-	6	5	11
Level 3 Single Subject	114	98	212	166	135	301
Level 3 Full Award	4	4	8	4	4	8
Level 4 Single Subject	221	356	577	249	413	662
Level 4 Full Award	1	13	14	1	13	14
Level 5 Single Subject	146	861	1007	168	893	1061
Level 5 Full Award	3	50	53	3	50	53
Level 6 Single Subject	-	56	56	-	59	59
Total No of Awards	489	1438	1927	597	1572	2169

Highlights of 2016

Programme Development

- Diageo “Learning for Life” programme started on 15 February 2016. This was delivered in partnership with Diageo. Participants were under 25 years of age and had an interest in working in the Hospitality Industry. Learners completed 5 QQI Level 4 modules and industry certification e.g. Barista.
- BTEI Wexford working with Carlow IT and BNY Mellon in the planning and delivery of a QQI Level 5 Financial Services Programme.
- SkillETB was facilitated through BTEI in Waterford City with 17 participants receiving Major Awards in Health Service Skills.
- The three BTEI Co-ordinators delivered workshops to approximately 130 CE Supervisors in four locations across WWETB. The aim was to inform them about QQI courses available and to explore ways of working together. This resulted in a number of new programmes for 2016 and increased integration of CE participants into existing provision.
- BTEI Wexford linked with Adult Literacy to deliver an Academic Skills Workshop for learners attending/planning to attend QQI Level 5 Programmes.
- BTEI Wexford started planning for Hospitality Programme for Wexford Town area with local hotel representatives.
- BTEI Co-ordinators met with E-College and FIT to explore how to work together. A new programme emerged in Gorey as a result.
- Implementation of ETBI issued SLA’s for BTEI Community Strand in September 2016.
- Worked with DSP in Waterford City in the recruitment of learners for a bespoke Foundation Course.

Staff Development

- An integrated CPD Programme for staff in BTEI/Community Education and Adult Literacy was developed for Co. Wexford.
- Staff across BTEI were involved in Restorative Practice and rolling out training in Further Education and Training Centres.
- BTEI staff were involved in the Equality and Human Rights committee.

Promotion

- WWETB were very involved in Adult Learners Week 2016.
- A standardised flyer for Further Education and Training Centres was produced and three An Post Mail shots were done (Bunclody, Tramore and Cappoquin).

Internal Partnerships

- BTEI linked with LTI (e.g. ISU), Adult Literacy (e.g. Academic Skills), Youthreach (e.g. Subla), VTOS (e.g. Culinary Skills New Ross), Waterford and Wexford Training Centres (College Awareness Week) and Community Education (Horsemanship) across the ETB to provide pre entry and exit programmes of learning.

Capital Projects

- Tramore Further Education Centre expanded in 2016 with new classrooms and a disability proofed outdoor urban gardening space increasing provision in Tramore.
- Enniscorthy Further Education and Training Centre opened in November 2016.
- The Wexford Adult Further Education and Training Centre was officially opened on 28th June 2016.
- A new disability proofed kitchen was installed in Ozanam Street Further Education Centre over the summer of 2016.
- Upgrade of computers in Gorey Further Education and Training Centre.

Activation

- In October 2016 a survey was carried out on learners completing QQI Level 5 Healthcare and it was confirmed that 64% of learners had secured employment on completion of the course.

External Partnerships

- Tramore Further Education and Training Centre played a key role in The Promenade Festival.
- BTEI supported a number of hard to reach groups through Cornmarket (Co. Wexford), Ozanam House (Homeless Shelter Wexford) and TREO (Waterford City and Dungarvan).
- BTEI partner with the following agencies to deliver learner and industry led education programmes (KTAC, Sports Active Wexford, Cornmarket, TREO, Ozanam House, Céim Eile, Respond!, Windmill TTU, St. Aidans Gorey, SWWFRC, Gorey Youth Needs, Athelier Lismore, County Childcare Committee, Waterford Sports Partnership, Tramore Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, County Libraries, Ragtree Equine Assisted Learning Centre, Turas Nua, DSP, Little Sisters of the Poor, St Josephs Care Home, Bluebird Care, Home Instead).
- BTEI Waterford County was involved with the Waterford Greenway project and identifying how it could inform BTEI provision.

Community Education

Community Education Facilitator: Fran Kennedy

The Community Education Programme supports local communities and community based groups in County Waterford, Waterford City and County Wexford.

Community Education is informal learning that contributes to the development of the local community. Grants and Tutor Hours are available to community groups. Each application is individually assessed.

Due to the volume of applications, priority is given to groups who organise community education programmes for people who may face acute barriers to taking part in education: older people, women experiencing disadvantage, people with disabilities, travellers, ethnic minority groups, unemployed, lone parents, men experiencing disadvantage, carers, ex-offenders.

WWETB offers Community Education Programmes through the Community Education Facilitators team:

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Waterford City Community Education

Community Education Facilitator: Helen Rafferty

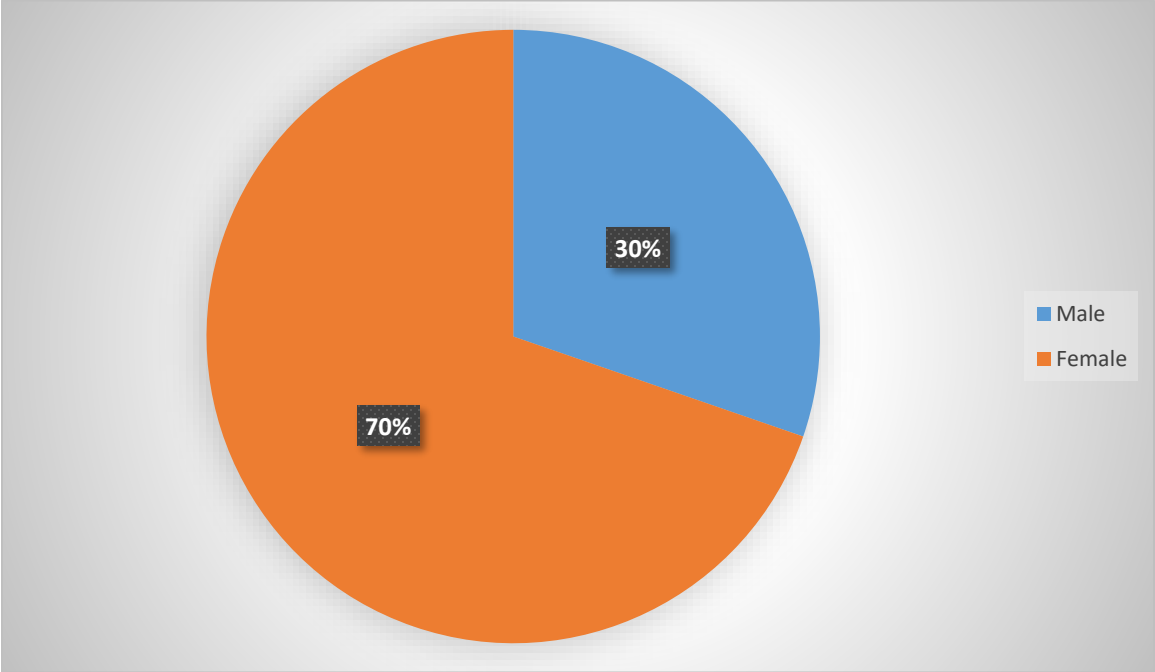
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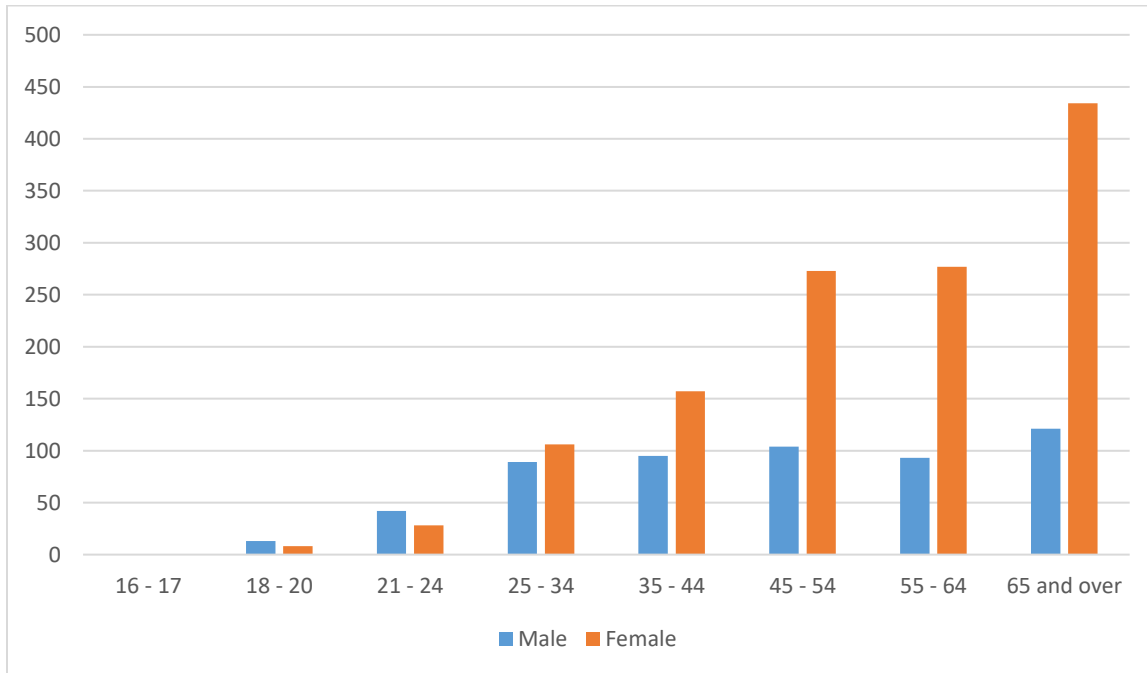
Community Education Facilitator: Sarah Lavan

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Total Number of Participants in Community Education in 2016

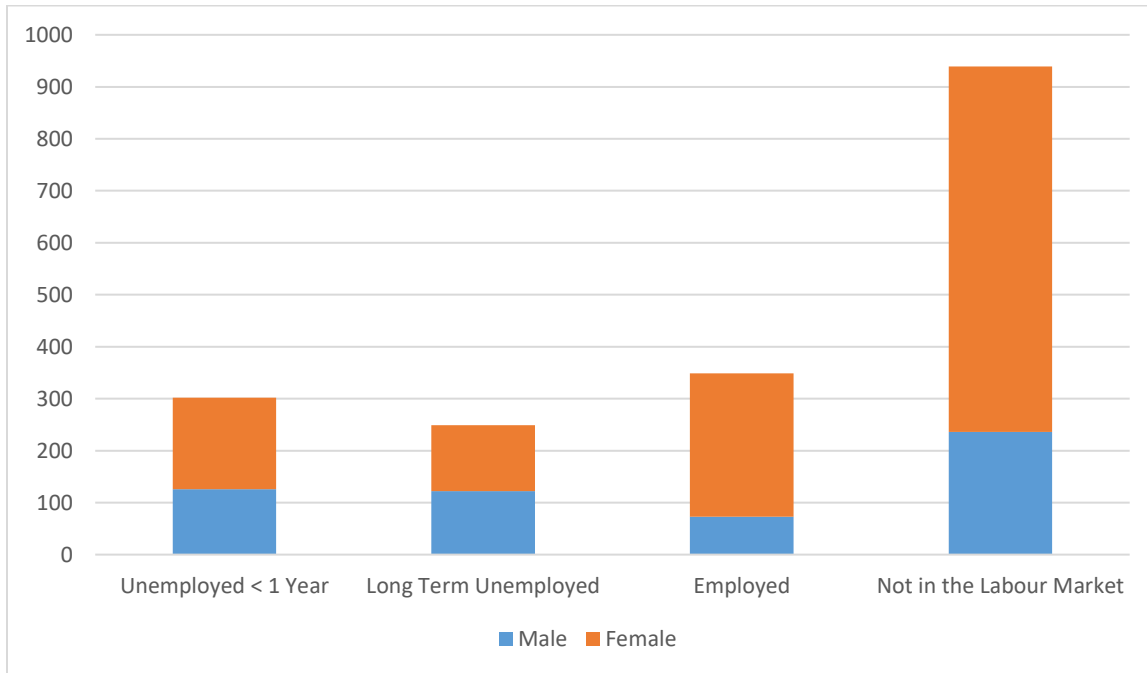


Number of Participants in Community Education by Age Profile



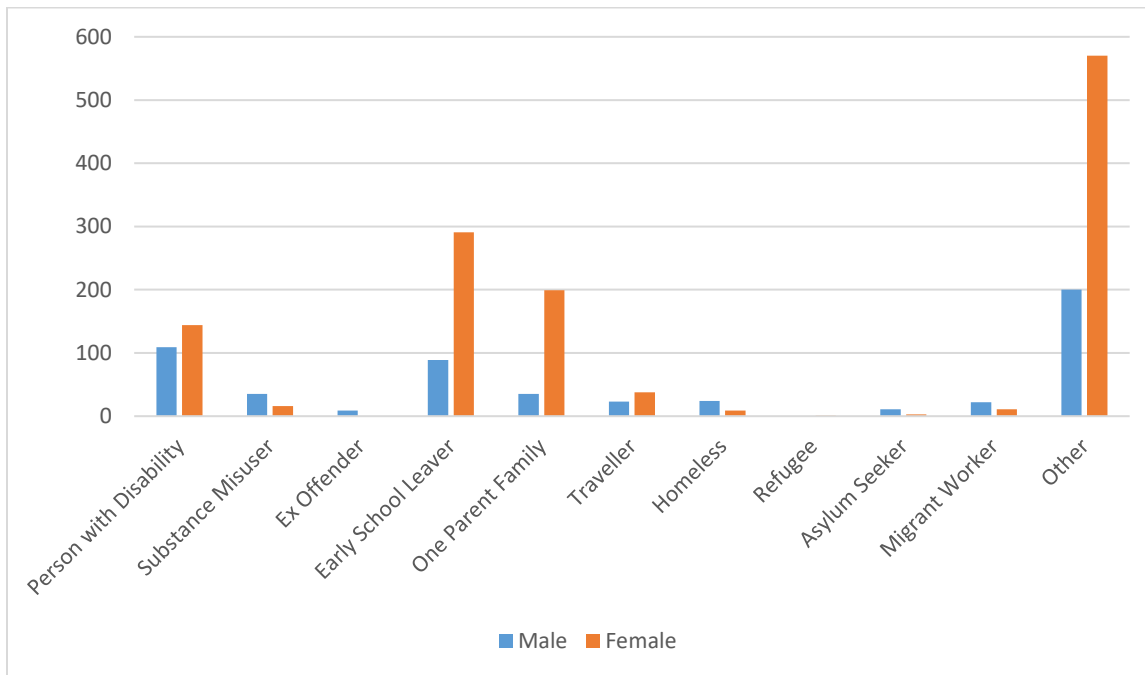
Age Bracket	Male	Female
16 – 17	0	0
18 – 20	13	8
21 – 24	42	28
25 – 34	89	106
35 – 44	95	157
45 – 54	104	273
55 – 64	93	277
65 and Over	121	434

Number of Participants in Community Education by Employment Status



Age Bracket	Male	Female
Unemployed <1 Year	126	176
Long Term Unemployed >1 Year	122	127
Employed	73	276
Not in the Labour Market	236	703

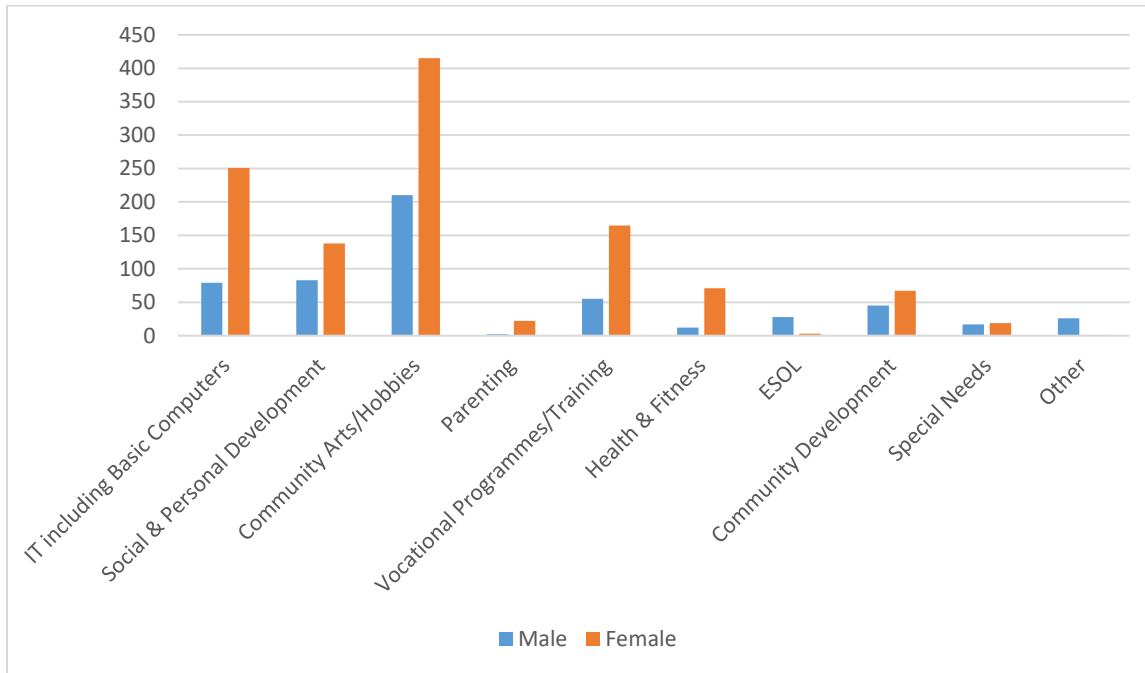
Number of Participants in Community Education by Target Group



Target Group	Male	Female
Person with Disability	109	144
Substance Misuser	35	16
Ex Offender	9	0
Early School Leaver	89	291
One Parent Family	35	199
Traveller	23	38
Homeless	24	9
Refugee	0	1
Asylum Seeker	11	3
Migrant Worker	22	11
Other*	200	590

*This figure is quite high as it includes older people, unemployed/underemployed, rurally isolated, those not in the labour market

Number of Participants by Course Type in Community Education



Course Type	Male	Female
IT including Basic Computers	79	251
Social & Personal Development	83	138
Community Arts/Hobbies	210	415
Parenting	2	22
Vocational Programmes/Training	55	165
Health & Fitness	12	71
ESOL	28	33
Community Development	45	167
Special Needs	17	19
Other	26	1

Number of participants who achieved certification in Community Education in 2016

Certification Level	Male	Female	Total
QQI Level 2 (Minor Award)	-	4	4
QQI Level 4 (Minor Award)	1	6	7
QQI Level 5 (Minor Award)	21	74	95
QQI Level 5 (Major Award)	-	14	14
	22	98	120

Highlights Community Education Programme 2016

Programme Development:

- In Co. Waterford knitting proved a cost effective way of engaging with local communities and combating social isolation. WWETB is working with Waterford Library (Tramore, Kilmacthomas) and Clodaigh House in the provision of knitting groups.
- Under Community Education, the following was delivered; Introduction to Internet and Email to 178 learners in 2016. This was part of the national Benefit 4 Programme funded by Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources.
- In 2016 Introductory English language classes were offered in Cappoquin, Dungarvan and Tramore.
- Kevin Dundon presented QQI Level 4 Short Order Cookery Awards to learners from Deaf Hear.
- Progression of QQI Level 4 Horsemanship modules, delivered in Ragtree Equine Assisted Learning Programme, from Community Education to BTEI.
- Over the summer, a new kitchen was installed in Ozanam Street Waterford City, and for the first time WWETB has been able to offer cookery classes to the Irish Wheelchair Association.
- A targeted Youth Engagement programme called Worklinks, in partnership with Taghmon FRC, started in October.
- Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Irish classes were provided in An Rinn in partnership with Údarás Na Gaeltachta.

Continuous Professional Development:

- Training was offered to all Community Education tutors in September to explore community education practice and principles.
- CEFs participated in training in Restorative Practice with the view of rolling out to centres and communities.
- The Human Rights and Equality Working Group (of which the CEFs are members of) provided training to schools and centres.

External Partnerships:

- Community Education Facilitators work with a number of agencies to deliver the programme: TREO, CE Schemes, Clodaigh House, Waterford Library, Home School Liaison, TUSLA, Waterford Co Co, Foróige, Waterford Womens Centre, ABI, SERDTF, Respond, DeafHear, Askamore Muintir Na Tíre, Ballyroebeck Community Hall, FDYS, MS Ireland, Ferns Community Art Group, Seashell Girl Guides, Taghmon Mens Shed, Ozanam House, Rehab Care, Gorey Mens Shed, New Ross Mens Shed, Windmill TTU, St Aidans Gorey, Our Ladys Island Community Group, Raheen FRC, Taghmon FRC, Southend FRC, Castlebridge Mens Group, St Marys Fethard on Sea, Tramore Community Radio, Ramsgrange Community Garden, Waterford Women's Centre, County Childcare Committee, Waterford Sports Partnership, IWA, St Brigids Family Resource Centre, Céim Eile, Books for Babies, Údarás Na Gaeltachta).

- Community Education Co. Waterford and Co. Wexford hosted SkillETB for HSE Care Assistants.
- CEF's represent WWETB on Co. Wexford and Co. Waterford Age Friendly Alliance Group and Traveller Interagency Group.
- CEF Team visited An Cosán, Community Education Project and Virtual Community College, in Tallaght which informed plans for the year ahead.

Internal Partnerships:

- Adult Literacy (pre development ESOL in Tramore FETC, literacy support for womens group in Bunclody).
- Youth Work (Provision of training for volunteers).
- BTEI – Progression of QQI modules from Community Education to BTEI.
- Urban Gardening course in Wexford Further Education and Training Centre.
- CEF's are members of WWETB Human Rights and Equality Working Group.

Volunteer Training

- In partnership with WWETB Youth Officer, Youth Work Volunteers participated in QQI Level 5 Team Working and Working with Young People.
- The provision of QQI 5 Radio Production to volunteers in Tramore Community Radio.
- WWETB provided First Aid training to community volunteers in Co. Wexford and Co. Waterford.
- Three men from Dungarvan Men's Shed submitted QQI Level 3 Woodwork.
- Workplace Safety was delivered to Dungarvan Men's Shed.

Promotion

- The Community Education Programme was very involved in Adult Learners Festival 2016 with events including coffee mornings and a viewing of the film "First Grader". The highlight was ABI (Acquired Brain Injury Ireland) winning an Aontas Star Award for the WWETB funded film "The Empty Chair". The film premiered in Garter Lane Theatre during Adult Learners Week.
- Celebration of Nollaig na mBan with Ban na Gaoithe Women's Group and Clodaigh House Women's Group.
- Celebration of International Women's Day in Waterford City.
- The wood sculpture from Taghmon Men's Shed was launched in Wexford County Council in June.
- Bunclody Men's group launched their wood carving entitled "Streams of Bunclody" in St Aidans Hall Bunclody in September.
- As part of the Bealtine Festival, Cappoquin Art Group had an Art Exhibition at Lismore Castle in May.
- A Women's Health Day was held in Clodaigh House in May.
- Tramore Further Education and Training Centre held an Intercultural Day in August.

- ABI held an Art Exhibition to display their paintings and crafts to the public during the Wexford Opera Fringe Festival from 12 October to 6 November 2016.
- Bridgetown Closet Artists and Scoil Mhuire Parents Art Group held public exhibitions of their work in May.

Further Education and Training Centres

- Wexford Further Education and Training Centre was officially opened in June 2016
- Enniscorthy Further Education and Training Centre was opened in November 2016.
- Tramore Further Education and Training Centre was opened in September 2016.

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)

Adult Education Officer: Michael Kirwan

English Languages are available throughout the ETB in our adult education and training centres for migrant workers, the unemployed and asylum seekers.

Priority is given to those in need of Basic English language skills to a level of functional competency (A2 on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages or NFQ Level 3).

Accreditation at NFQ Levels 4 and 5 and/or IELTS preparation may be offered in some centres for a fee.

Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS)

Adult Education Officer: Mary Walsh

There are nine Further Education and Training Centres that offer VTOS in Waterford & Wexford ETB across the Counties of Waterford and Wexford.

The Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme is an educational opportunities scheme for unemployed persons which is funded by the Department of Education and Skills. The Scheme is operated through the sixteen Education & Training Boards countrywide and provides a special range of courses designed to meet the education and training needs of unemployed people.

Bunclody Adult Education Centre

Co-Ordinator: Ms Mary Waters



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Introduction:

The Adult Education Centre in Bunclody is a 20 place centre delivering QQI Level 4 Major Modules in Employment Skills and General Studies.

Major Modules Offered:

Employment Skills QQI Level 4 and General Studies QQI Level 4.

Subjects delivered include:

At Level 3: French

At Level 4: Communications, ESOL, Teamworking, Work Experience, Information Technology, Customer Service, Career Planning, Understanding Interculturalism and Digital Photography.

At Level 5: Word Processing and Work Experience

Highlights of 2016 include:

- The students undertook a fundraising campaign for Simon Community, as part of Teamworking QQI Level 4.
- The students held a photography exhibition in the Bunclody library as part of Digital Photography QQI Level 3.
- The students went on an educational trip to Wicklow Goal.
- The students organised an International Food Day, where they were able to sample food from the student's different countries.

Dungarvan Adult Education Centre

Co-Ordinator: Ms Aileen O'Connor



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Introduction:

The Dungarvan Adult Education VTOS Centre at Wolfe Tone Road, Dungarvan, offers full time courses

Courses Offered:

Courses offered include General Learning (QQI Level 4), eBusiness (QQI Level 5), Tourism with Business (QQI Level 5), Office Administration (QQI Level 5), Retail Practice (QQI Level 5), Business Administration (QQI Level 5) and Art (QQI Level 5).

The Business courses will provide students with a broad range of business and computing skills to work in the modern business and financial sector. Many subjects in year 1 start at level 4, progressing to level 5 in year 2.

Work experience will be undertaken for two weeks in Year 1 and two weeks in year 2. The students will achieve a Level 4 General Learning Award (4M2010) in Year 1 and all or a combination of Level 5 awards in Year 2.

The Art course is a two year course that covers all the essential areas within Art Practice. Many subjects in Year 1 start at Level 4, progressing to Level 5 in the second year. Subjects covered are Painting, Drawing, Batik, Weaving and Sculpture.

Highlights of 2016 include:

One of the highlights of the year was the VTOS Annual Awards night in The Park Hotel, Dungarvan. There were a high number of students receiving awards with most of the students receiving distinctions.

Enniscorthy Further Education and Training Centre

VTOS Co-Ordinator: Ms Eithne Agar



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No of Students: 40

Introduction:

The policy and ethos of the Enniscorthy VTOS Centre is of “an open and accessible programme of learning structures around the needs of the learner”.

Courses Offered:

General Studies (QQI Level 5): this programme of learning is aimed at those who wish to progress to Third Level or Further Education at Level 6 and offers a broad range of knowledge and key skills development.

Business Administration (QQI Level 5): the overall aim of this programme is to provide the learner with the opportunity to build the knowledge, skills and competence required for participation in higher education, including acquiring a broad range of knowledge for an academic discipline, and key skills for academic research.

General Learning (QQI Level 3): basic skills development for those who may have left school early, who are considering progression to a PLC or employment and are capable of learning at Level 3.

Employability Skills (QQI Level 3): basic skills development for those who may have left school early and who are considering progression to employment and are capable of learning at QQI Level 3.

Highlights of 2016 include:



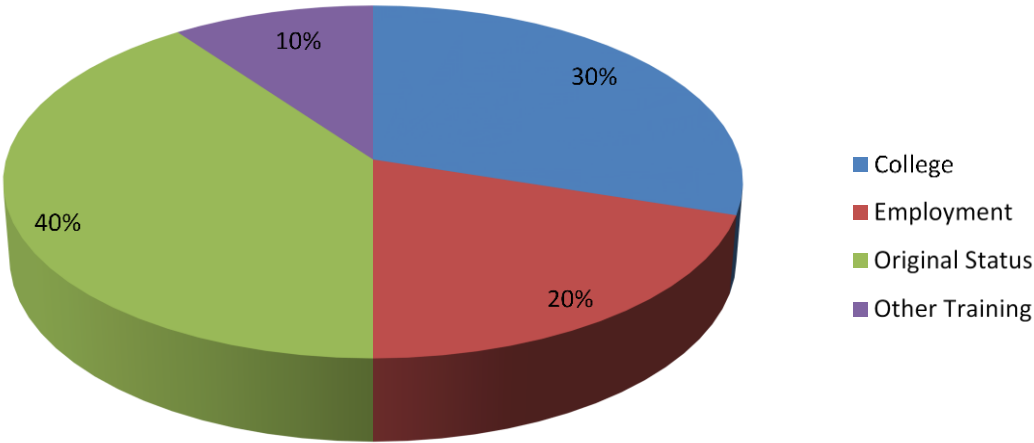
Unveiling of the 1916 Proclamation by Eithne Agar Co-ordinator of the Enniscorthy VTOS Programme



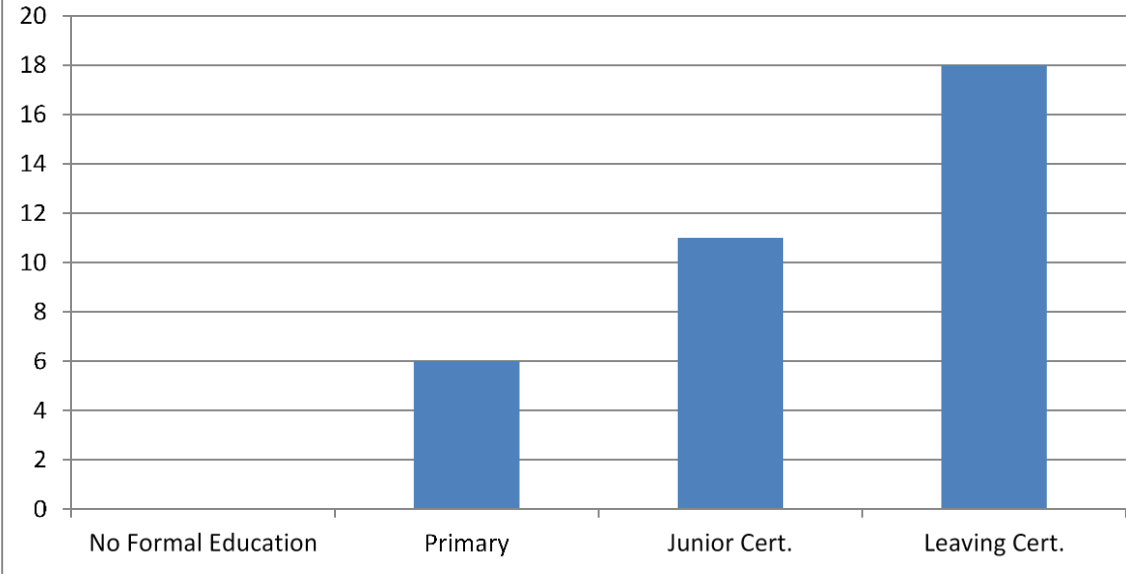
Pictured above: Eithne Agar, Enniscorthy VTOS Co-ordinator, Mr Kevin Lewis Chief Executive WWETB, Mary Walsh AEO and Ann Slaven Wexford VTOS Co-ordinator.

Enniscorthy VTOS presents a painting by Mai McElroy to the Chief Executive of WWETB on the occasion of the opening of the new Wexford Adult Education Centre, June 2016.

Progression of VTOS 2016 Students



Current Students Prior Education



The highlight of the year was our relocation to the premises at Wafer Street.



Gorey Adult Education Centre

Centre Co-Ordinator: Ms Noreen Traynor



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Introduction:

VTOS is a return to learning programme which allows adult learners to explore and develop their skills and interests in a general learning course where they can build their confidence and identify opportunities for building a career. Twenty students will get an opportunity to return to full time education and achieve qualifications in a wide range of skills for employment or to progress to third level education.

VTOS is geared for those who may not have experienced success in their previous time in education but are now interested in getting a quality qualification across a broad range of subjects.

Courses Offered:

The course can last for two years, after successful completion of first year, and is full time. The first year is designed to build a solid foundation of up to date skills, to access employment in today's economy. In the second year, there is the opportunity to acquire a QQI Level 5 qualification in Business or General Studies, which will help students to progress to third level education or employment depending on the persons plan.

Highlights of 2016 include:

- Retirement of Mr. Laurence McLaughlin and Ms. Eileen Higgins
- As part of our Work Experience module and to give our Gorey VTOS Business Administration students some insight into working for one of the largest multinational companies in the world. Our Second Year VTOS group enjoyed a visit to the Google offices in Grand Canal Dock in January. We had a guided tour of the offices and students had the opportunity to have a very informative Q&A session with Google staff members. We would like to thank Google and their staff for facilitating our visit.



Trip to Google



- Students at the VTOS Adult Learning Centre in Gorey's Civic Square (pictured below) played host to representatives of Gorey Youth Needs Group to present them with €500, the proceeds of their Christmas raffle.

Gorey Adult Education Centre holds a Christmas raffle every year, and they took a vote before Christmas to decide on the 2016 recipient. Gorey Youth Needs Group helps young people and families in the local community. Some of the adult learners have had contact and support from GYNG, and felt it was a very deserving organisation. The project was undertaken by first year full-time students in the Adult Education Centre under the guidance of Fiona Wickham as part of their personal effectiveness module.

They sold lines, and canvassed local businesses for the prizes, before holding the draw.



Pictured above: VTOS First Year students making presentation to Gorey Youth Needs at the Adult Education Centre, Civic Square.

Front row: Teacher Fiona Wickham, student Anthony Greene, GYN project Co-ordinator Sandra Collins, Community Worker Mandi Tighe and VTOS Co-ordinator Noreen Traynor

Kilmacthomas Adult Education Centre

Centre Co-Ordinator: Mr Frank McQuillan



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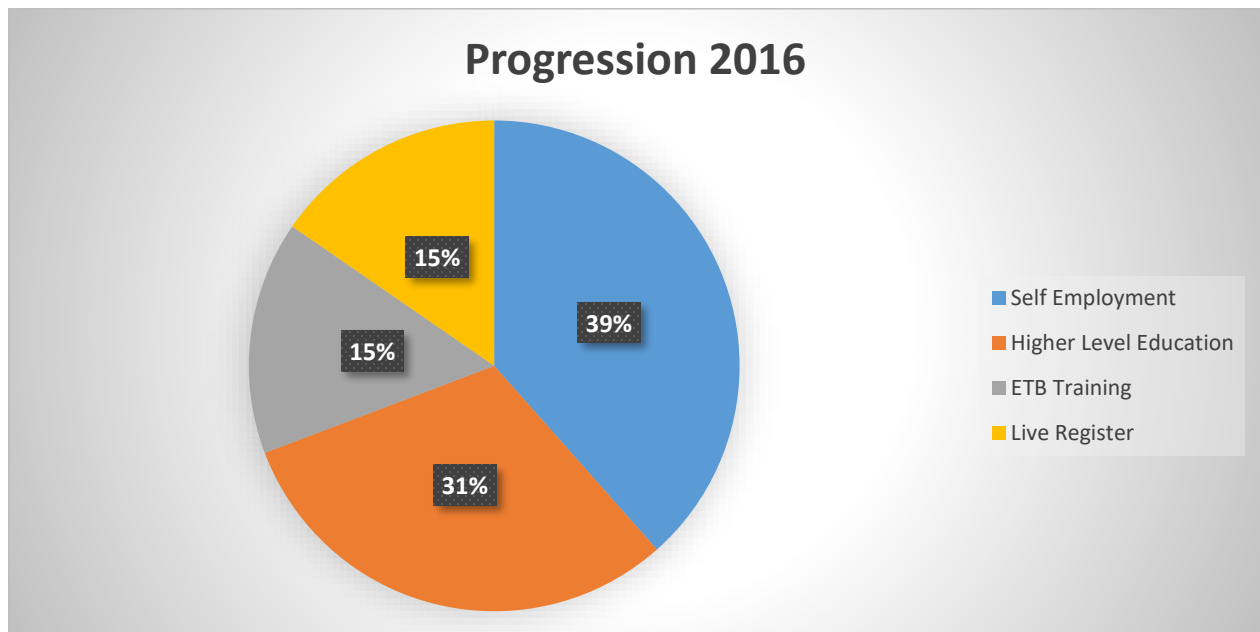
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Courses Offered:

Courses offered include: Start Your Own Business, Business Studies and Software Development

Highlights of 2016 include:

The progression of learners who completed the VTOS Start-Your-Own-Business course in June 2016 is outlined in the table and chart below.



	Male	Female
Self-Employment	4	1
Higher Level Education	2	2
ETB Training	1	1
Liver Register/Original Status	1	1

New Ross Adult Education Centre

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Introduction:

VTOS aims to give unemployed people education and training opportunities which will develop their employability. By completing a VTOS course, participants will gain recognised national qualifications up to QQI Level 5.

The Centre provides a supportive environment for learners who wish to return to education at any stage of their adult lives. You will have the chance to update your education and skills and will be prepared to engage in further education or to gain paid employment.

Courses Offered:

Courses Offered include: *Employability Skills* (QQI Level 3) with subjects including Communications, Career Preparation, Mathematics, Art & Design, Work Processing and Personal Effectiveness.

Office Skills (QQI Level 4) with subjects including Communications, General Office Skills, Business English, Business Calculations, Information Technology Skills, Customer Service, Bookkeeping & Accounts and Work Experience.

Culinary Skills (QQI Level 4) with subjects including Culinary Techniques, Pastry, Baking & Desserts, Menu Planning, Catering Operations & Systems, Team Working, Personal Effectiveness, Work Experience, Work Processing and Functional Maths.

Professional Cookery (QQI Level 5) with subjects including Culinary Techniques, Pastry, Baking & Desserts, Menu Planning & Applied Nutrition, International Cuisines, Meal Service, Food Science & Technology, Personal Effectiveness, Work Practice and Work Processing.

Highlights of 2016 include:

- Staff and learners proudly presented Crumlin Hospital with a cheque for €350.00, the results of a fundraising event.
- QQI awards were presented to learners in Employability Skills, General Learning, Culinary Skills and Professional Cookery.
- The Co-ordinator worked as a member of the Equality and Human Rights working group, attending meetings and workshops.
- The Co-ordinator participated in the Jobs Fair in conjunction with Adult & Community Education staff.

- Learners were presented with certificates in HACCP, Basic First Aid and Manual Handling.
- A former learner who completed a course in 2015, was nominated for the Traveller Pride Awards in the employment category having secured full time work in the culinary sector.
- The Co-ordinator attended the NAVC conference.
- The Co-ordinator achieved TEG (Irish language) certification on completion of a one year, part time course.
- Staff and learners participated in the National Spring Clean Initiative.
- An Open Day was held for the recruitment of new learners. Existing Culinary Skills learners coordinated the organisation and catering for this event as part of their Teamworking module assignment.
- VTOS learners held an art exhibition 'Natural Variety' in St. Michael's Theatre, New Ross.
- Staff members Liz Fortune and Angelika Kiely graduated with a BA in Training and Education from NUIG and an MA in Art Therapy from CIT respectively.
- The Citizens' Advice service was welcomed to New Ross Adult Education Centre and is now based here weekly on Mondays.
- A 'Pop up Shop' was piloted for a week in New Ross as a recruitment strategy in conjunction with Adult Literacy and BTEI Programmes.
- A recruitment morning was held in the Centre in August in conjunction with the DSP.
- The Co-ordinator participated in the New Ross Chamber of Commerce local enterprises fair by holding a stall for recruitment purposes in conjunction with BTEI and Youthreach Programme Coordinators.
- The Coordinator attended the ETBI conference.
- Learners attended WIT Open Day.
- Professional Cookery learners cooked and served a Christmas meal to all in the Centre.
- A cheque for €300.00 was presented to New Ross River Search and Rescue- the results of a fundraising event.

**Adult Access VTOS
Waterford College of Further Education**

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Introduction:

Adult Access VTOS WCFE, which is a core Vocational Opportunities Training Scheme (VTOS) provision, is unique in this area as it is part of a larger college giving the students all the advantages of the larger college. Adult Access delivers interesting, worthwhile and relevant courses to adults. There are 100 places available for these two years courses.

Special attention is given to supporting those who have been out of the education system for some time with individually designed tutorials. In addition, extensive provision of English language lessons is an integral part of the course for those for whom English is not their first language.

Courses are delivered in groups dedicated to adults as part of a larger college and give students access to a broad range of facilities including: canteen, gym, library, common room, student cards and open access computer rooms. Importance is given to fun and enjoyment with student activities throughout the year. Along with the main components learners can participate in workshops that enhance their college experience such as study skills, career planning, health related activities, entrepreneurship, customer facing skills, interview preparation, personal care, presentation skills, team working, conflict resolution, occupational first aid, manual and patient handling, drama, complementary therapies, and hair care for carers.

Some students come to the course to improve their existing qualification but many choose to change career direction. Many graduates move directly into employment and many more move on to further education, both within the college and to Third Level. Graduates achieve worthwhile Level 5 QQI certification, on courses that are constantly evolving and changing to meet the needs of students and employers.

Courses Offered:

Courses are offered in four main areas and include: Social and Health Care Studies, Childcare, Youth Studies and Business Studies. Adult Access VTOS offers great flexibility as it is a two year course that allows students to complete up to 18 components. Students are offered, and have

to do the mandatory modules, for their chosen award. This flexibility is beneficial to students as they can explore different avenues to further education and/or employment. Some students change their career/study plans during the course. Students have the choice to enter for one of the major award listed below at the end of the two year period:

1. Business
 - a. Business Studies 5M2102
 - b. Business Administration 5M2468
 - c. Information Processing 5M2067
 - d. Office Administration 5M1997

2. Social, Community and Health Care
 - a. Health Service Skills 5M3782
 - b. Healthcare Support 5M4339
 - c. Community Health Services 5M44768
 - d. Community Care 5M2786
 - e. Nursing Studies 5M4349

3. Childcare and Youthwork
 - a. Early Childhood Education and Care 5M2009
 - b. Youth Work 5M4732

The Social, Community and Health Care studies offers a practical and theoretical introduction to the world of nursing, community care and health related care settings such as hospitals, nursing homes, retirement facilities and in clients' own homes. Graduates can become carers, hospital porters, or disability care workers. Students can choose from several different certificates at QQI Level 5 such as Nursing Studies, Healthcare Skills, Healthcare Support, Community Health Services or Community Care.

Childcare and Youth Studies prepares students to work with children and young people in areas such as early childcare, primary and post primary education and youth settings. Among many options graduates can work as special needs assistants, youth workers, advocates or work with families. Aistear and Síolta are cornerstones to these studies. Students are introduced to approaches to early learning such as Montessori, High Scope, and Steiner Methodologies. Students can choose from QQI certification in the areas of Childhood Studies or Youthwork.

The business studies course gives students a solid foundation in the academic, practical and personal skills required for a career in the business area. Students are offered choices such as business with English as a second language, legal studies, marketing, accountancy, finance, IT, medical administrator, and receptionist. By choosing electives, students can choose from one of the QQI Level 5 certificates in Business Administration, Business Studies, Information Processing or Office Administration.

Highlights of 2016 include:

- New courses were introduced for this academic year including Medical Administrator, Preparation for Accounting Technician, Marketing & Sales and Youth Work.
- Two VTOS students were on the very successful WCFE college soccer team that reached the final in the All-Ireland Third Level College League.
- This year was significant in that four of the ex-Waterford Crystal workers, who joined VTOS WCFE, graduated with Level 8 qualifications from WIT.
- There were 94 students (21 male and 73 female) on the course at the end of 2016. Of these 52 were first years and 42 were second years, with 27 on the business studies course and 67 in the social, health, community, Youthwork and child care areas. Most graduates achieved full Level 5 QQI major awards and progressed to employment or to further and higher education.

Waterford VTOS

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Introduction:

Waterford VTOS (formerly Waterford Adult Education Centre) has been offering courses to adults under the Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme since 1994. A range of full-time educational and training courses are available to adults who are aged 21 years or over and in receipt of eligible Social Protection payments.

The emphasis is on providing quality education in a friendly, supportive environment enabling our graduates to progress on to employment, self-employment or to further education. Our courses are accredited by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) (formerly FETAC) which testifies to the standard and professionalism of the education and training being offered.

Ancillary services, such as a student canteen and access to the internet, English language, literacy and numeracy support classes further enhances the learning environment of our students. There are no college fees and affordable childcare assistance is provided through the Childcare Education and Training Support (CETS). Waterford VTOS is located near the city centre and is well serviced by bus routes.

Programme's Offered:

Information Technology & Business Administration. Accreditation: QQI Level 5 Award in Business Administration 5M2468 and Information Processing 5M2067

Subjects: Word Processing, Database Methods, Spreadsheet Methods, Work Experience, Communications, Business Administration, Payroll; Manual & Computerised, Accounts; Manual & Computerised, Marketing, Desktop Publishing, Web Authoring and Medical Terminology.

Art, Craft & Design. Accreditation: QQI Level 5 Creative Craft 5M1981

Subjects: Stained Glass/Decorative Glass Design, Drawing, Design Skills, Ceramics, Art Metal-craft, Wood Finishing, Combined Materials, Appreciation of Art, Craft & Design, Painting, Communications, Work Experience and Introduction to Computers.

Interior Design & Decoration. Accreditation: QQI Level 5 Interior Design 5M5054.

Subjects: Architectural Drawing, Appreciation of Art, Craft & Design, Ceramics, Furniture & Fittings, Design Skills, Combined Materials, Communications, Work Experience, Materials & Finishes, Drawing, Colour & Light, Computer Illustrated Graphics, Introduction to Computers & CAD.

Fashion Design & Accessories. Accreditation: QQI Level 5 Award 5M3865.

Subjects: Garment Construction, Fashion Industry & Design Studies, Pattern Drafting, Drawing, Textiles, Embroidery, Ceramics, Combined Materials, Communications, Work Experience and Introduction to Computers.

Highlights of 2016 include:



Waterford VTOS Awards Ceremony: March 2016.

Pat Byrne, Second Year Graduate Information Technology & Business Administration, being presented with a Certificate by Mayor Jack Walsh.



Fashion Show: Pictured: Models with Bridget Flynn wearing Avante Garde/her designs as part of the Second Year Fashion Design Show, QQI Level 5.



Craft Exhibition: Second Year Craft, Art and Design Student hosting their annual exhibition (QQI Level 5) in the Municipal Library, Waterford City. Pictured: Selena O'Sullivan

Interior Design Exhibition: Second Year Interior Design & Decoration Mixed Materials Piece in the Municipal Library, Waterford City.



Wexford VTOS

Centre Co-Ordinator: Ms Ann Slaven



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Introduction:

The Wexford Adult Education Centre is located at Westgate in Wexford. The centre caters for 80 full time VTOS students. Courses on offer may vary from year to year depending on the needs and interests of incoming students. All courses offer nationally and internationally recognised qualifications.

The centre provides a supportive environment for learners who wish to return to education at any stage of their adult lives. All levels are catered for and you will be welcomed regardless of age, sex, educational background, or ability. You will have the chance to update your education and skills and will be assisted on to further education or into employment. Maybe you want to help your children with their homework. Maybe you want to meet like-minded adults. Whatever your motivations, VTOS might be your solution.

Courses Offered:

Sport Recreation and Exercise

Exercise and Fitness, Sport and Recreation Studies, Teamworking, Nutrition, Hurling Coaching, Gaelic Football Coaching, Safety and Health at Work, Communications, Work Experience.

Business Administration

Business and Administration Skills, Word Processing, Text Production, Bookkeeping Manual and Computerised, Database Methods, Business Calculations, Communications, Work Experience.

Information Processing

Information and Communication Systems, Spreadsheet Methods, Accounting: Manual and Computerised, Payroll: Manual and Computerised, Database Methods, eBusiness Studies, Digital Marketing, Communications, Work Experience

Leaving Certificate for Adults

English, Mathematics, History, Accounting, Business, French

Microsoft Office Specialist

Access Core, Excel Core, Word Core, Powerpoint Core, Excel Expert, Word Expert

Highlights for 2016

- Links forged with Local Employers through Work Experience programme
- Two staff members completed CELTA training to assist with the teaching of students whose first language is not English
- Two staff members completed Entrepreneurship in Education course to introduce innovative and dynamic teaching practices
- Sport students provided sports training in local primary and secondary school and organised Fun and Fitness days in Primary schools
- Coaching students acted as coaches for Easter and Summer Camps run by GAA
- Charity and fundraising events were organised by class groups as part of a Teamworking project
- Student Profile
 - 24 students in full time employment
 - 4 students self-employed
 - 8 students in Third Level Education
 - 1 student in apprenticeship

Youth Work

Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board, as part of ETB Act 2013, supports the coordination, provision, assessment and administration of Youth Work.

Youth Work is defined in the Youth Work Act, 2001 as:

a planned programme of education designed for the purpose of aiding and enhancing the personal and social development of young persons through their voluntary participation, and which is

a) complementary to their formal, academic or vocational education and training;

and

b) provided primarily by voluntary youth work organisations.

WWETB has established the Youth Work Committee to advise on its functions in relation to Youth Work. The Committee is looking to develop a Youth Work Plan. WWETB has two Officers working in Youth Affairs:

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Area of responsibility: Waterford city

Youth Officer: Martin Fitzgerald

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Area of responsibility: Waterford and Wexford countries (excluding the City of Waterford)

Youth Service Projects Funded by Department of Children and Youth Affairs through WWETB

Young Peoples Facilities and Services Fund 2

Francis Street Youth Centre	Sports Access Program 2011
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SPY – Special Projects for Youth

Ballybeg Special Youth Project	Manor St. John Youth Project
Children’s Group Link Project	S.H.Y. (Sacred Heart Youth) Project
Ferrybank Special Project (Foróige)	Transport Service
Grants for Local Youth Organisations/Annual Youth Services Grants	Traveller Youth Project
Little Red Kettle Theatre Company Project	Waterford Youth Arts Ltd. (Waterford Youth Drama Project)
Youth New Ross Project	

Local Youth Club Grant Scheme 2016 Allocations

At its meeting on 19 July 2016 the Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board allocated the annual grants to volunteer led youth clubs and groups. The purpose of the grant is to support local community based groups to provide Youth Work services in their locality. A total of 61 groups received just over €48,000. These grants are key to the clubs involved and can be seen as support to young people from across all areas of need and location to achieve their full potential.

NAME OF CLUB/GROUP	ALLOCATION
1st Wexford (New Ross) Sea Scouts	€1,044.22
2nd Wexford Scout Group, Clifford Street	€1,044.22
2nd Port Waterford Dunmore East Sea Scouts	€1,044.22
4th Waterford Abbeyside Scouts	€1,044.22
12th Wexford Scouts	€447.52
16th Waterford Cappoquin	€1,044.22
25th Wexford (Piercestown) Scouting Ireland Group	€1,044.22
35th Wexford Kilmore	€1,044.22
35th Waterford Copper Coast	€1,044.22
36th Ramsgrange Scout Troop	€895.05
Abbeyside Girl Guide and Senior Branch	€895.05
Activ8	€596.70

Askamore Foróige Youth Club	€820.46
Ballyduff Foróige	€745.87
Ballyduff Upper Foróige Club	€447.52
Ballygarrett Youth Club	€745.87
Ballykelly Youth Club	€671.29
Ballymurn Youth Club	€596.70
Boolavogue Foroige	€447.52
Ballymurn Macra na Feirme	€895.05
Buion Padraig Guide Unit Tramore	€1,044.22
Bree Macra na Feirme	€596.70
Bree Youth Club	€895.05
Caim Youth Club	€1,044.22
Camross Macra na Feirme	€596.70
Clashmore/Kinsalebeg Foróige Club	€596.70
Clonard CGI	€1,044.22
Clonard Youth Club	€745.87
Clongeen Youth Club	€596.70
Coderdojo Dungarvan	€745.87
Cool Monday Night Club	€895.05
Courtnacuddy Youth Club	€1,044.22
Crossabeg Youth Club	€596.70
Cushinstown Macra na Feirme	€895.05
Dungarvan No Name Club	€745.87
Danescastle Music Group	€1,044.22
Dungarvan Scouts	€895.05
Enniscorthy ladybirds/brownies/guides	€671.29
Fusion	€596.70
Kilmuckridge Catholic Girl Guides of Ireland	€1,044.22
Kilrush ladybirds/Brownies/Guides	€522.11
Kilrush Askamore Macra	€895.05
Kiltealy/Ballindangan Macra na Feirme	€895.05
Lismore Foróige Club	€522.11
Lee Heights Youth Club	€671.29
Make a Difference Foróige Club	€447.52
Marshalstown Youth Club	€671.29
Monageer Foróige	€596.70
No Limits Youth Club	€522.11
Oylegate Youth Club	€1,044.22
Seashell Girl Guides	€1,044.22
St. Martins Girl Guides	€596.70
St. Paul's Scout Group, Blackwater	€895.05
Tagoat Foróige Youth Club	€1,044.22

Tallow Foróige Club	€596.70
Tara Hill Youth Club	€596.70
The Ballagh Youth Club	€745.87
The Wolfpack	€596.70
Villierstown Girl Guides and Brownies	€745.87
Wexford Town Unit	€895.05
Wexford and Kilsoran Youth Club	€895.05
	€48,332.56

Other grants

Start Up Club Grants

Club	Recommend Award
22nd Wexford Oulart Scout Group	€808.85
Ballyduff/Kilmeaden Junior Foróige club	€566.20
South End FRC Youth club	€808.85
Tallow Junior Foróige Club	€566.20
	€2,750.10

Youth Employability Initiative

Woodstown Youth Employability Initiative	€30,000
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Highlights for 2016

- Start of development of Youth Work Committee plan.
- Completion of two further modules in the Youth Worker training programme.

YouthReach

Adult Education Officer: Mary Walsh

There are eight YouthReach Centres in Waterford and Wexford ETB across the Counties of Waterford and Wexford.

YouthReach is a programme of education, training and work experience for early school leavers provided in an out-of-school setting. YouthReach aims to give young people:

- a second chance to gain education and training,
- a chance to develop new skills,
- a chance to gain national certification and progress to further education or training,
- a chance to find employment.

Dungarvan YouthReach

Co-Ordinator: Ms Maria Carney



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Introduction:

The aim of Dungarvan YouthReach is to provide a second chance programme of education and development to young people in a safe, supportive and holistic environment.

Courses Offered:

Thirty five young people engaged with the programme during 2016.

- **Formal Certified Learning**
 - a) Leaving Certificate Applied
 - b) QQ1 Level 3 General Learning Certificate
- **Informal Learning**
 - a) Work Experience
 - b) Summer Programme
 - c) Independent Living Skills & Leisure Activities that promote growth & development

Highlights of 2016

- In 2016:
 - Four students achieved the full QQI Level 3 General Learning Award
 - Seven students were awarded their Leaving Certificate Applied
 - Fifteen students achieved a QQI Level 3 component certificate in ICT.
 - Vocational Certificates included SafePass (1), Safe Food (7), Fire Safety Training (6).
- As part of the YouthReach Quality Framework Initiative (QFI), the Centre engaged with the Centre Evaluation and Improvement Process (CEIP).
- Three staff members began training in CELTA to assist the growing number of students who have English as a second language.

Enniscorthy YouthReach

Co-Ordinator: Mr John Brennan



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Introduction:

Enniscorthy YouthReach Centre strives to provide a caring and learning environment for all our learners where mutual respect and fairness is the key in allowing individuals to achieve their full potential. The aim of YouthReach is to provide education, training and certification for early school leavers, to provide a structured programme to help the individual learner

Programmes Offered:

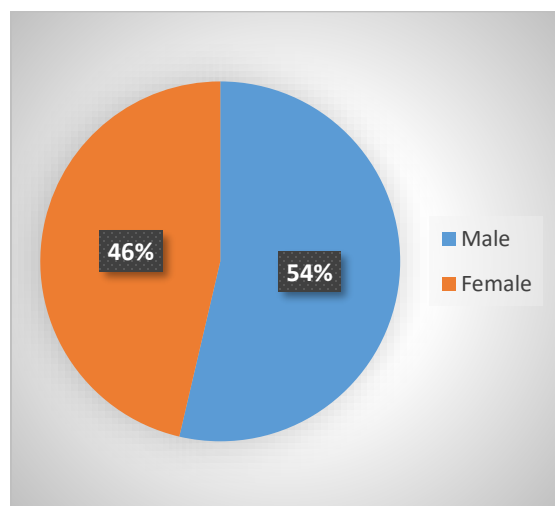
Gateway. This programme is introduced to cater for learners who need help with literacy and numeracy. It also consists of practical classes such as Home Economics, Information Technology and Woodwork. Literacy and numeracy is provided on a one to one basis.

Foundation Level. This one year programme gives learners an opportunity to become familiar with on-going assessment and doing task work.

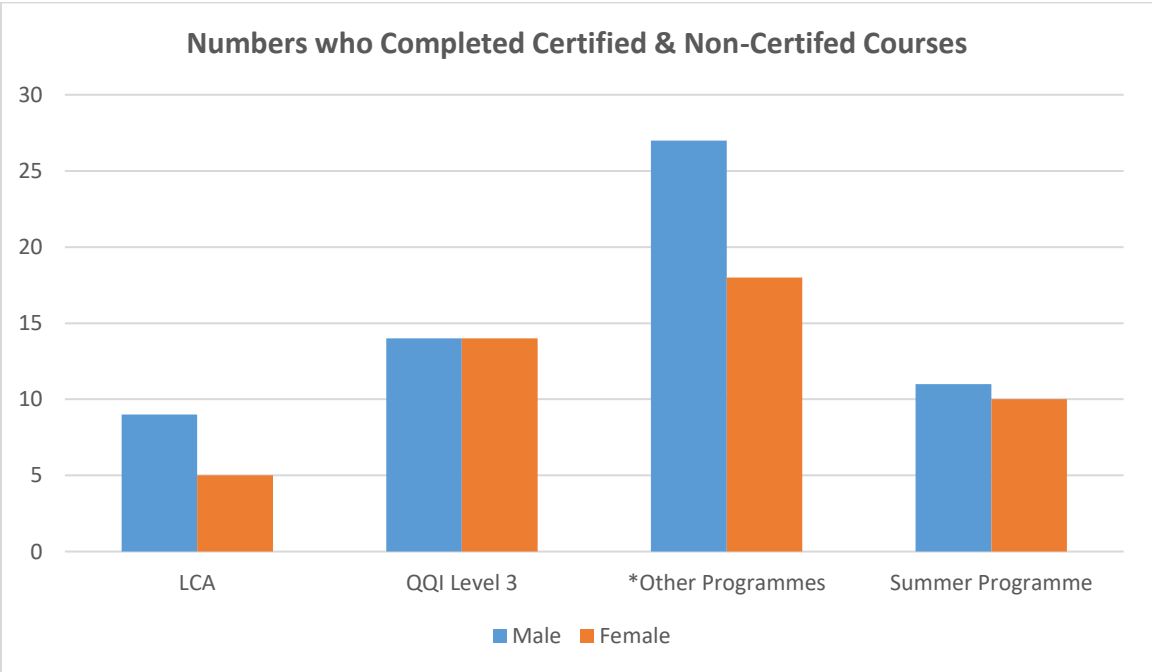
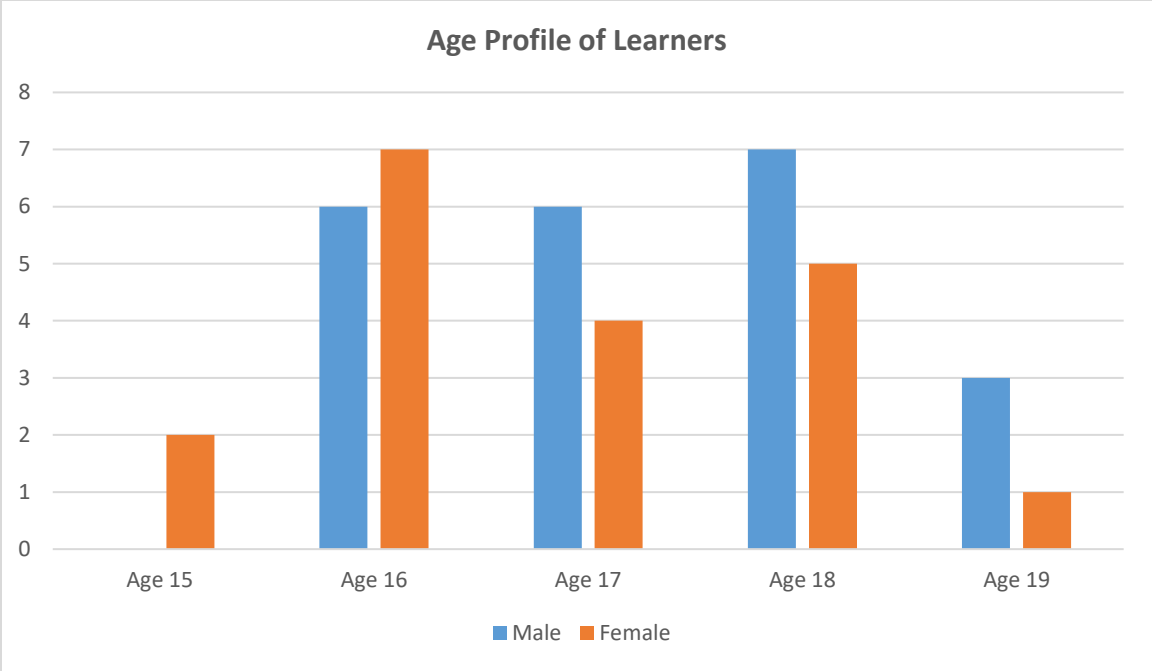
Leaving Certificate Applied. Subjects offered: Art, Craft & Design, English & Communications, French, Gaelige, Hair & Beauty, Hotel, Catering & Tourism, Information Technology, ECDL, Leisure & Recreation, Mathematical Applications, Social Education, Vocational Preparation & Guidance, Woodwork & Construction, Digital Media, SPHE.

Other Programmes Delivered include ECDL, Steer Clear, First Aid and Manual Handling

Highlights of 2016



Number of Learners in the Centre on
31 December 2016



*Other Programmes include: ECDL, Basic First Aid, Steer Clear and Manual Handling

Gorey YouthReach

Co-Ordinator: Mr Robbie McCabe



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Introduction

Gorey YouthReach is the latest WWETB programme to open in the Gorey Adult Learning Centre. We currently have between 20-25 students in first year with a growing list for next September. The demand for places is strong as there are two large post primary schools in the town and three more in the extended local area.

The current cohort of students are studying a General Learning QQI level 3 award and will start their leaving Certificate Applied in September 2017.

We aim to offer as many vocational specialisms as available for the Leaving Certificate applied. Engineering, Technology, Craft and Design, Hair and Beauty, Office Administration, Leisure studies and Information Technology, etc. to help those young people who find mainstream education difficult.

New Ross YouthReach

Centre Co-Ordinator: Mr James O' Hanlon/
Ms Michelle Keating



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Introduction:

New Ross YouthReach is committed to maintaining a welcoming, caring and safe learning environment where learners can progress at their own pace to achieve their individual potential in an atmosphere of mutual respect.

The aims of New Ross YouthReach are:

- to provide a caring, secure and disciplined environment where learners learn and teacher teach,
- to provide a broad-based curriculum which seeks to meet the varying needs and abilities of individual learners,
- to foster the development of each learners skills, knowledge and self-esteem as well as his/her enthusiasm for learning,
- to help learners to develop skills for future life and for responsible citizenship,
- to promote moral values, self-discipline and self-respect for themselves and respect for others.

Programmes Offered:

The programmes on offer include: Leaving Certificate Applied, QQI Levels 3 and 4, Special Educational Needs Initiative (SENI), Guidance and Counselling Service, Learning Support Programme, Literacy/Numeracy Provision and Home School Community Liaison.

Highlights of 2016 include:

January 2016

- A representative from the Congress of Trade Unions attended the centre and gave a talk to learners.
- Staff attended suicide prevention training.
- All staff attended Dignity in Work training in Waterford.
- Gary from PDST (Professional Development Service for Teachers) attended the centre and delivered child protection training.

- A staff member from Kennedy College PLC attended the centre and spoke to the LCA 2 group about courses offered at PLC level.
- LCA1 learners went on their first work experience placement which was held over a two week period in January and February.
- LCA 2 learners in Hotel Catering & Tourism attended Ros Tapestry and the Dunbrody as part of a key assignment.
- The Co-ordinator attended the NAYC regional meeting in Citywest.

February 2016

- LCA 1 learners went on a trip to the Dunbrody for Irish class.
- HCT and Catering learners attended the Food and Bev live expo in Citywest hotel.
- The Co-ordinator attended the NAYC conference in Galway.
- Michael Sheehan visited the centre and spoke to learners about the 1916 Rising before they embarked on the Art Project.
- The Co-ordinator became a member of the Project Committee of the Treoin Garda Youth Diversion Project.

March 2016

- Learners attended Croke Park for the 1916 Flag Ceremony. This was followed by a flag raising ceremony in the centre.
- The Co-ordinator spoke at the parents information evening in the Brandon House Hotel on the subject of Teen Wellbeing.
- YouthReach learners created a centenary window display in the town. This was to commemorate the 1916 celebrations in the Country. It was unveiled in time for the St. Patricks Day and Easter celebrations in New Ross.
- Learners with good attendance, timekeeping and behaviour went on a rewards trip to Leisure Max as part of positive reinforcement in the centre.
- The Co-ordinator attended the South East regional Jobs Fair in Wexford and took part in manning a stall at the fair to provide people with information about courses offered by WWETB.

April 2016

- The centre held a two day Internal Centre Evaluation.
- Learners took part in a Youth Summit with a focus on Youth Employment and Employability skills in Fusion Youth Café.
- YouthReach learners started a 6 week life skills programme as delivered by Fusion Cafe Youth Services.

May 2016

- Learners went on a whole centre team building trip to Kilkenny as our final trip with the Leaving Certificate Year two group.

June/July

- A Summer Programme was held which included:
 - A Video making two day workshop
 - Trips to Glasnevin cemetery/Hook head/ Loftus Hall
 - A science workshop.

September 2016

- The centre had a follow up inspection by the DES on the whole centre inspection of 2014.

October 2016

- 12 learners successfully achieved Level 3 certificates in General Learning.
- Learners attended Zeminar – a positive mental health day aimed at young people in the RDS.

Tramore YouthReach

Centre Co-Ordinator: Mr Gerard McManus



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Introduction:

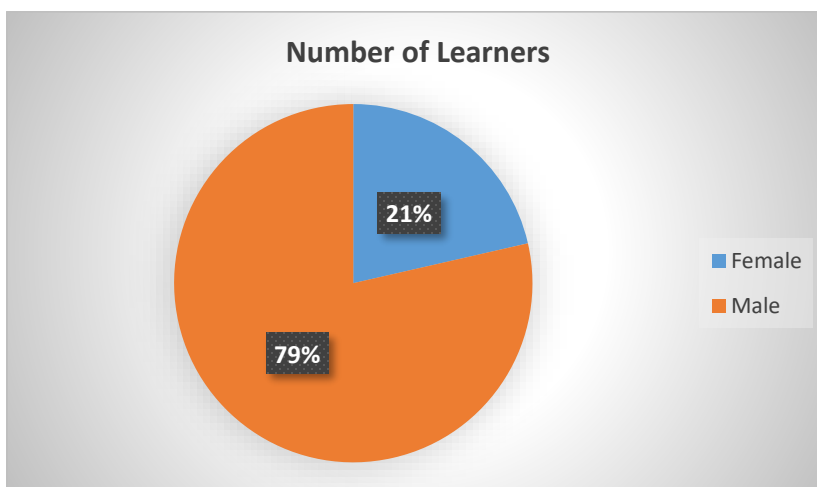
YouthReach is part of a national programme that offers second chance education and training to 16-20 year olds. It is aimed at early school leavers and is designed to give young people the opportunity to gain confidence and engage in the formal certification process in an 'out of school' setting. It is a full-time year round course where learners receive a weekly training and travel allowance.

In 2016 the centre allocation grew to a 25 place centre. The centre was extended to account for the new numbers and also to facilitate the growing BTEI programmes.

Courses Offered:

Courses offered include: Leaving Certification Applied and QQI Level 3. In addition to formal learning, the following services are provided: Work Experience, Sports & Recreation, Mentoring and Support, Careers Information, Personal & Social Development and Literacy & Numeracy Development.

2016 Highlights



- **Michael Sweetman Trust.** We had one Learner who attended the European Parliament. This was the first time this young man had ever been on a train or a plane and out of the Country.
- **Work Experience Questionnaire**
A questionnaire was distributed to various employers following work experience in 2016. The overall assessment was a positive one. The integration of all parties involved; employers, community bodies, and the YouthReach Centre, leads on to the student gaining good work experience skills and returning to work or further education.
- **Educational Trips/Outings for Learners**
 - The main trip out for Learners was a visit to Croke Park to receive our National Flag and a copy of the 1916 Proclamation of the Irish Republic, in celebrating the Centenary Year of the 1916 Easter Rising.
 - Trip to Dublin 1916 Trail
 - Visit to the Training Centre of WWETB, Waterford
 - Trip to Shielbaggan OEC
 - Active Connections Activity
 - Ploughing Championship
 - Fundraising for Focus Ireland
 - HSE Smoking Effects
- **Staff Training**
 - Mental Health
 - Classroom Management
 - Interview Skills
 - Smoking Effects In-service
 - Restorative Practice
 - FET Conference
 - NAYC Conference
 - Teaching and Learning
 - In-service LCA subjects
 - Soft Skills
 - Web-wheel
- **Promotion of the Programme**
Promotion of the programme took place through new posters, flyers and interviews on local radio.
- **Visit from Department Inspector**
Inspector Julie Lynch from the Department of Education and Skills, made a visit to the Centre on 27 November 2016 to look at teaching and methodology in the Centre. Her findings are as follows:
 - Good teaching and learning through the Centre
 - Learners are engaged in good discussions and activities

- There are great resources available to Learners
- The availability of a chill out room is a valuable addition
- A Learners Council has been established
- There is a safe and warm environment with Cooperative Learning

Waterford YouthReach

Centre Co-Ordinator: Mr Jim D’Arcy

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Introduction:

While working with early school leavers, our aims are:

- to provide education and vocational guidance to early school leavers in order to improve future employment and training prospects,
- to provide a caring, effective and safe environment where education can take place,
- to provide educational programmes which are learner-focused and reflect their vocational, social and health needs,
- to encourage the development of life-skills in a respectful and caring manner,
- to support all early school leavers equally and fairly.

Courses Offered:

Courses offered include:

Leaving Certificate (1 Year), Leaving Certificate Applied (2 years), Horticulture and Sports Performance. The Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied courses are open to any young person who has an active interest in learning and would like to return to education. Literacy and numeracy are a constant focus as part of all courses offered within the centre and there is a dedicated literacy team who supports students one-to-one. Literacy and numeracy are a fundamental part of the centres ethos. Pupils are encouraged to return to education and to take an active interest in their progression to Third Level courses, vocational apprenticeships and/or job applications.

Wexford YouthReach

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Introduction:

YouthReach Wexford provides education, training and personal development. We encourage students to realise their full potential in a caring, respectful and safe environment.

The aims of YouthReach are

- to provide the opportunity for students to engage in education and training,
- to integrate language, literacy and numeracy throughout all aspects of the programme,
- to develop the students personal and social skills,
- to instil a sense of personal, environmental and community responsibility in the individual student,
- to establish links and network with relevant agencies, organisations and stakeholders,
- to adopt a collaborative approach to fulfil the mission statement in a dignified and mutually respectful workplace,
- to create a caring, respectful, safe and suitable learning environment in the centre and to provide students with the knowledge and skills required to make the transition from YouthReach to Further and Higher Education, training, work and adult life.

Programmes Offered:

Programmes offered include: Leaving Certificate Applied, QQI Level 2 and Level 3, Literacy & Numeracy Provision and SPHE.

Highlights of 2016 include:

- Task Exams for students.
- Incidental Inspection: Very positive outcome.
- First Aid Training for four staff.
- Anger Management Programme for students.
- Rugby Coaching.
- LCA Year 1 student accepted onto the RHA Art programme.
- National Flag Presentation Ceremony in Croke Park.
- Raising of National Flag Ceremony in centre and reading of Proclamation.
- Jobs Fair. All YouthReach centres' within WWETB were represented.
- Launch of Training Kitchen: shared between YouthReach and Youthtrain.
- Official opening of new centre in May 2016.

- Staff training
 - PLSS/FARR
 - Data Protection
 - Self-Harm Programme
 - Classroom Management.
- Quit4Youth Smoking Cessation Programme.
- Restorative Practice Training – 1 staff member attended.

YouthReach Subla Centre

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Introduction

YouthReach Subla Centre is an education centre for young people who are aged between 15 and 20 years, have left the mainstream school system, do not attend other existing educational or training provision and have not secured fulltime employment.

The centre encourages a culture of educational attainment for young people in a safe, secure, supportive and caring environment.

We provide a genuinely integrated holistic education and support network for early school leavers while maintaining our strong links with the Traveller Community.

Programmes offered:

Leaving Certificate Applied. This course aims to provide young people with the abilities and skills to enable them to complete a Leaving Certificate Applied. It runs across two years on a full-time basis and subjects studied include English & Communications, Mathematical Applications, Social Education, Vocational Preparation and Guidance, Information and Communications Technology, Active Leisure Studies and Leisure & Recreation.

BTEI QQI Level 4. This course aims to provide young people with the abilities and skills to enable them to enter the workforce. It runs on a part-time basis and subjects studied includes Career Planning, Workplace Safety and ICT.

Highlights of 2016 include:

- The graduation of LCA Year 2 class after completing the course in Summer 2016 and the beginning of new LCA Year 1 class in September 2016.
- A BTEI programme was introduced during the year to cater for those who wished to develop the skills to find work and work placements.
- Centre outings and trips taken include:
 - Zeminar in the RDS
 - National Ploughing Championships in Tullamore
 - Shielbaggan Outdoor Education Centre in Wexford.
- Students are learning to play the guitar
- We have had many outside visitors/agencies providing interesting information and learning to students which include:
 - Squashy Couch
 - The Credit Union
 - Addiction Awareness.

Training Services

Waterford and Wexford Training Services are dedicated to ensuring your learning experience is enjoyable and successful. Our experienced team provide a very high standard of training and support to assist you in your journey towards a brighter future.

At our purpose built facilities we offer a variety of courses that are suitable for many different learners – jobseekers, people entering the workforce for the first time, early school leavers, people with disabilities, those wishing to change careers and people looking to refresh their knowledge or gain new skills.

Waterford and Wexford ETB have two Training Centres, one in Waterford City and one in Wexford Town.

Waterford Training Centre

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Wexford Training Centre

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Programme Managers

Apprenticeships

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Eamonn McGettigan

Community Training

Eamonn McGettigan

Quality Assurance

Shay Cassidy

Traineeships

John Cassidy
Nichola Long
Joe Maher
Jacqueline Sweeney
Shay Cummins



Training Course

These courses provide learners with essential and valuable skills to make them potential valuable employees. On successful completion of these courses, learners will gain formal qualifications. These courses are delivered on a full-time, part-time, blended or evening basis.

- Day courses are usually full-time and provide you with essential and valuable skills that aim to make you more employable. Our day courses offer formal qualifications recognised by Industry to help you enter the workforce. If you are a jobseeker, looking to refresh your knowledge, gain new skills or enter the workforce for the first time we may have a suitable day course for you.
- Evening courses are delivered by night and are aimed at people who may want to learn new skills or want to build on their current skills but may not be available for training during the day. The courses on offer can provide you with essential and valuable skills that make you more employable. Evening courses offer formal qualifications recognised by Industry. If you are looking to refresh your current skills, gain new skills or enter the workforce for the first time we may have a suitable evening course for you.
- These courses are designed to improve the skills of people who may need additional support to obtain a job or progress to higher-level training. If you have been unemployed for a long time, are an early school leaver or have a disability these courses may be suitable for you. Training is provided by Community Training Centres, Specialist Training Providers and Local Training Initiatives.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeship is the recognised means by which people are trained to become craftspeople in Ireland. Apprenticeship involves a combination of learning in the classroom and on-the-job training and aims to develop the skills of the apprentice to meet the needs of industry and the labour market.

SOLAS and the Apprenticeship Council have and are launching a number of Industry Led Apprenticeship Programmes which are certified up to Level 9.

- Insurance Practice, Level 8, Three Years. Insurance Institute of Ireland and IT Sligo
- Industrial Electrical Engineering, Level 7, Two Years. Stryker and Limerick IT
- Polymer Processing Technology, Level 7, Three Years. Plastics Ireland/IBEC and Athlone IT
- Manufacturing Engineering, Level 7, Three Years. Irish Medical Device Association and GMIT
- Manufacturing Technology, Level 6, Two Years, Irish Medical Device Association and GMIT

Traineeships

Traineeships are job specific and industry endorsed training programmes. A traineeship combines learning at the training centre with on-the-job training. Traineeships are specific to jobs that are not taught as apprenticeships but do require skills that are best learnt through on-the-job training.

Construction Skills Certification Scheme

The Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) is for people who are interested in working in the construction industry in a non-craft job. The scheme trains, assesses, certifies and registers people to work in the construction industry.

Quarry Skills Certification Scheme

The Quarry Skills Certification Scheme (QSCS) is for people who are interested in working in the quarrying sector in a non-craft job. The scheme trains, assesses, certifies and registers people to work in the quarrying sector.

E-Learning at the Library

This is a foundation programme for people who are interested in learning the basics of information technology. The programme is open to anyone and is delivered by ETB in partnership with the Library Council of Ireland.

Community Training Centre (CTC)

Training programmes run by CTCs are for early school leavers under the age of 21 who have left school with minimal or no formal qualifications. These programmes offer training, guidance and individual support to help each learner achieve qualifications and employment

Local Training Initiative (LTI)

Local Training Initiatives are provided by independent community organisations such as Youth Services or Family Resources Centres. The training is aimed at people aged between 18 and 35 years old who have most difficulty getting a job, because they have no formal qualifications, or qualifications that are no longer relevant and have been out of work for a long time. Learners are provided with training, guidance and individual support to help them get qualifications and enter the workforce.

Specialist Training Programme (STP)

Specialist Training Providers provide flexible training courses that are designed for learners who have a disability. Learners in STPs are provided with personal, social and vocational skills training and development leading to qualifications and assistance to obtain employment.

Highlights for 2016

RED SEAL Welding Programme

WWETB was delighted to showcase the welders who recently undertook the second Red Seal Welding Programme, September 2015 to March 2016. The programme is a collaboration between the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers (Canada) and Waterford Wexford Educational Training Board (WWETB). The programme was designed to prequalify boilermaker welders to work in Canada on regular maintenance shutdowns of their heavy industrial plants in the Spring and Fall. Alberta Industry Training (AIT) and ABSA (the pressure equipment safety authority) carry out all Industry Testing at our Training Facility on the Industrial Estate. Many of the welders pictured here are ready for the Spring turnaround which is due to commence shortly.

The Interprovincial (IP) Red Seal Certificate of Qualification Examination evaluates the ability to perform skills within the trade thereby offering our welders greater mobility across the Canadian provinces and territories to maintain continual employment and growth. The best of luck to all our successful Red Seal Welders in their future endeavours.



Pictured are the WWETB Red Seal Welding participants 2016 - Tutor: Eoin O' Donnell; Representatives from IBB: Jim Beauchamp, Tom McEnroe and Alan Belter; Representative from ABSA: Blair Lonel.



RED SEAL Welding Programme 2016



RED SEAL Welding Programme 2016

WWETB – Waterford Training Centre Opens Test Centre



Waterford Training Centre has recently been approved as a Pearson VUE® computer based test centre. The facility will provide an opportunity for individuals to take proctored exams that verify IT skills in a range of areas such as Microsoft, CompTIA, CISCO and Adobe to list just a few.

The test centre facility in Waterford Training Centre will accommodate up to 10 test candidates. Senior Management from Sun Life Financial attended the official opening recently. In attendance was Assistant Vice President of Sun Life Financial Susan Friedman, John Weldon, Director, Service Desk and his Management Team; Laura Ryan, Fiona Murphy, Gary Camon and Martina Maloney.

On the occasion, Susan Friedman commended the facility for being “state of the art and a great setting for testing”. Mr. John Weldon for Sun Life, Waterford, said: “it will be a great asset to our company as our employees will no longer have to travel outside of Waterford to take their tests”. He added that “this will increase productivity and will increase the number of employees that will be able to take CompTIA examinations”.

Mr. Kevin Lewis, CE, WWETB said: “it was a great occasion to open the facility as it will enhance the services provided by Waterford Training Centre to the IT industry in Waterford and its environs”.

Ministers Visit Waterford Training Centre



The Minister for Education and Skills, Richard Bruton TD held the first in a series of Regional meetings on the Action Plan for Education on Friday 25th November 2016 in Waterford Training Centre.

The first meeting was chaired by Minister of State, John Halligan.

The purpose of the series of meetings was to outline the Government's Action for Education and to detail the steps the Government are taking to make Ireland the best education and training system in Europe within a decade. Minister Bruton and Minister of State Halligan heard ideas and feedback from education stakeholders and employers from across the region on the plan which was published in September 2016, and this information will feed into the development of the Action Plan for Education 2017.

Minister for Education and Skills, Richard Bruton TD said:

“The basic aim of this Government is to sustain our economic progress and use it to build a fair and compassionate society. Our ambition in the Action Plan for Education is to make Ireland the best education and training service in Europe. This will mean that we can create a fairer society by providing better opportunities for more people from disadvantaged groups, as well as ensuring we create more sustainable well-paying jobs.

A key part of all this is talking to the people on the ground, who are using and delivering education services on the front line across the country. That is why we are holding a series of meetings across all regions of the country, explaining to people what is contained in the Action

Plan we have published, and listening to their ideas on what we can do to include improved and more ambitious actions in the plans for 2017 and future years.

Today in Waterford in particular I hope to have a constructive and positive discussion on the further education sector and apprenticeships, which are an integral part of addressing existing and future skills needs. In many other European countries, apprenticeships account for a greater proportion of the school-leaving cohort than in Ireland, meaning that there are robust alternative pathways for people with different types of skills, as well as another source of skills supply for employers.

I look forward to participating in more meetings like this around the country in the coming weeks and months to hear more from the people on the ground as to what more Government can do to make Ireland's education and training system the best in Europe."

Minister of State at the Department of Education and Skills, John Halligan TD said:

"As Minister for Training and Skills, I am delighted to be here today, it is great to see that this Forum recognises that while this region is quite dispersed in terms of centres of population, there is consensus that all in the region need to act together to better support the skills needs of enterprise. Alongside this there is also a recognised need to offer supports and education and training courses to all learners including jobseekers, in skills areas where there are employment opportunities."



Minister for Education and Skills, Richard Bruton, TD and Minister for State John Halligan visit Waterford Training Centre.

Appendix 1

Abbreviations

ABI	Acquired Brain Injury Ireland
ABSA	Alberta Boilers Safety Association
AEO	Adult Education Officer
AIT	Alberta Industry Training
ALO	Adult Literacy Organiser
ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder
BNS	Boys National School
BNY	Bank of New York
BTEI	Back to Education Initiative
C & AG	Comptroller and Auditor General
CAD	Computer Aided Design
CAO	Central Applications Office
CBT	Cognitive Behavioural Therapy
CCTV	Closed Circuit Television
CEF	Community Education Facilitator
CEIP	Centre Evaluation and Improvement Process
CELTA	Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults
CETS	Childcare Education and Training Support
CGI	Catholic Guides of Ireland
CIT	Cork Institute of Technology
COSI	Community of Social Innovators
CPD	Continuing Professional Development
CSCS	Construction Skills Certification Scheme
CSPE	Civic, Social and Political Education
CTC	Community Training Centre
CYPSC	Children and Young Peoples Services Committees
DCG	Design and Communication Graphics
DCU	Dublin City University
DEIS	Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools
DES	Department of Education and Skills
ECDL	European Computer Driving Licence
ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages
ETB	Education and Training Board

ETBI	Education and Training Boards Ireland
EU	European Union
FARR	Funding Allocations Requests and Reporting
FÁS	Foras Áiseanna Saothair
FET	Further Education and Training
FETAC	Further Education and Training Awards Council
FRC	Family Resource Centre
GAA	Gaelic Athletic Association
GMIT	Galway Mayo Institute of Technology
GYNG	Gorey Youth Needs Group
HACCP	Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points
HSCL	Home School Community Liaison
HSE	Health Service Executive
IACP	Association of Coasteering Providers
ICT	Information Communications Technology
IELTS	International English Language Testing System
IP	Interprovincial
IT	Institute of Technology
ITABE	Intensive Tuition in Adult Basic Education
IWA	Irish Wheelchair Association
JC	Junior Certificate
JCSP	Junior Certificate School Programme
LC	Leaving Certificate
LCA	Leaving Certificate Applied
LCAP	Leaving Certificate Applied Programme
LCVP	Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme
LGBT	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender
LTI	Local Training Initiative
MEP	Member of the European Parliament
MOS	Microsoft Office Specialist
NAVC	National Association of VTOS Co-ordinators
NAYC	National Association of Youthreach Co-ordinators
NBSS	National Behaviour Support Service
NFQ	National Framework of Qualifications
OFA	Occupational First Aid
PDST	Professional Development Service for Teachers
PE	Physical Education

PHN	Public Health Nurse
PLC	Post Leaving Certificate
PLSS	Programme and Learner Support System
PPP	Public Private Partnership
QFI	Quality Framework Initiative
QQI	Quality and Qualifications Ireland
QSCS	Quarry Skills Certification Scheme
RDS	Royal Dublin Society
REGSA	Regional Educational Guidance Service for Adults
SENI	Special Educational Needs Initiative
SHY	Sacred Heart Youth Project
SIP	School Improvement Plan
SNA	Special Needs Assistant
SOETC	Shielbaggan Outdoor Education Centre
SOLAS	Seirbhísí Oideachais Leanunaigh Agus Scileanna
SPHE	Social, Personal and Health Education
SPY	Special Projects for Youth
STP	Specialist Training Programme
SUSI	Student Universal Support Ireland
SWWFRC	South West Wexford Family Resource Centre
TD	Teachtaí Dála
TEG	Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge
TLT	Third Level Maintenance Grant Scheme for Trainees
TY	Transition Year
TYP	Transition Year Programme
UCC	University College Cork
VEC	Vocational Education Committee
VTOS	Vocational Training and Opportunities Scheme
WCCC	Waterford City Childcare Committee
WCFE	Waterford College of Further Education
WIT	Waterford Institute of Technology
WSE	Whole School Evaluation
WSTCYS	Waterford and South Tipperary Community Youth Service
WTE	Whole Time Equivalent
WWETB	Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board
YSI	Young Social Innovators



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